

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Discussion Week of May 15th, 2011 No Place Like Home? “Faithfulness in an Unfaithful World”

1. Tell about a married couple you know who has remained faithful and committed for thirty years or more. What are some of the bumps and challenges they have faced? What has kept them together through the years?
2. If this couple could visit your group and give a few pieces of advice for building a marriage that lasts for the long haul, what would they say?
3. What are some of the signs in our society that commitment to marriage (specifically) and to faithfulness (in general) have fallen on hard times?

Read: Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Peter 3:1-7

4. What are some of the attitudes and actions that should mark the life of a *husband* who wants to have a lasting and healthy marriage?
5. What are some of the attitudes and actions that should mark the life of a *wife* who wants to have a lasting and healthy marriage?
6. What are some of the possible consequences on marriages if we ignore the instructions God gives in these passages for this important relationship?

Read: 1 Samuel 18-19 (Review this and choose to read all or part of these chapters)

7. Faithfulness is not only intended for marriage. God wants His people to be faithful in their friendships, to their families, to the church, to their communities, and so much more. Why is faithfulness valuable and needed in all of our relationships?
8. What are some of the indicators that David and Jonathan had a deep friendship that included a significant commitment to faithfulness?
9. What are some of the ways that we can invest in our friendships and grow in faithfulness, even when there are challenges and tough times?
10. Most of us have people in our life that we were once close to, but over time, the relationship just sort of sputtered out. Have you thought of this person and felt a nudge in your heart to reconnect and invest in the relationship again? If this is the case for you, share about this relationship and let your group members know how they can pray for you and encourage you as you seek reengage in this relationship.
11. What is one way that you plan to develop the quality of faithfulness in your life in the coming weeks?