

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: OUTWARD FAITHFULNESS

Proverbs 20:6

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. A FAITHFUL PERSON KNOWS WHEN TO SPEAK UP
2. A FAITHFUL PERSON KNOWS WHEN TO BE SILENT
3. A FAITHFUL PERSON FOLLOWS THROUGH

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. We all want faithful people in our lives but we are much more familiar with unfaithfulness than we are with faithfulness. How do you respond when someone lets you down?
3. A faithful person knows when to speak up. This means that they care about you enough to wound you in the short-term so you can be healed in the long-term. When was the last time someone did this for you? How did you respond? When was the last time you did this for someone else? How did they respond?
4. A faithful person knows when to be silent. Take a few minutes to read a few examples of Jesus' interactions with people who had failed (i.e. the woman at the well, Zaccheaus, the woman caught in adultery, Peter, etc.). What do you notice about what Jesus doesn't mention in these interactions? Where does He remain silent and where does he speak up? What can we learn from this?
5. The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings and general observations about life, not absolute commands and promises. This means that nuance and wisdom is required to know how to apply the principles of Proverbs to each situation. What are some helpful guidelines for determining when to speak hard truths and when to remain silent?
6. A faithful person follows through. Give an example of a time you experienced the powerful effect of someone being faithful and following through for you. What makes following through so difficult?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus is the Faithful One. The same faithfulness Jesus showed to His disciples, like Peter, is available to all who follow Him.