

# GOD IS FAITHFUL

Discipleship Guide #13/14

## TODAY'S GOAL

- To help your student(s) understand why they can trust in the faithfulness of God. They will look at how God has been faithful in the past both in Scripture and in their own lives to be reminded of why we can trust in God's faithfulness for the future.

## OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

## EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

## IDENTIFY YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT UNDERSTANDING

- Discuss: **What does it mean to be faithful?** Ask follow up questions to really get your student(s) thinking about what it means to be faithful.
- Share the following truth: *God is faithful which means that He is true to His promises. God is reliable. You can count on God to do what He says He will do. God can be trusted. God is believable. In a world full of people who break their promises, it is hard to imagine a God who is ALWAYS faithful and who never breaks His promises. Being faithful is not something that God does but it is who He is.*
- Read the following key verses together: **Deuteronomy 7:9; Joshua 21:45.**

## SEE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN HIS SCRIPTURE

- Share with your student(s) that one way we grow in our trust in God's faithfulness for the future is by looking at His faithfulness in the past. Read through the following examples of God's faithfulness to His people and ask any questions that come to mind as you read through the engage your student(s) in the story. Some example questions to ask as you read through may be: **Where do we see God's faithfulness in this event? How is God working? What promises does He fulfill?**
- Abraham and Sarah's child
  - Promise: **Genesis 17:1-8** - Promise fulfilled: **Genesis 21:1-3**
- Israelites delivered from slavery
  - Promise: **Exodus 6:6** - Promise fulfilled: **Exodus 12:51**
- Christ's Arrival
  - Promise: **Isaiah 9:2-7** - Promise fulfilled: **Luke 4:18-21**

## DISCUSS PROMISES WE CAN CLING TO AS A RESULT OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

- Use this time to look at a few examples of promises that we can believe in because we know God is faithful. Ask the student(s) to define what the promise is in each passage. The general promise to focus on is attached to each key Scripture.
- Key Scriptures:
  - **Psalm 46** - Promise: Present
  - **Isaiah 26:3** - Promise: Peace
  - **Matthew 11:28-29** – Promise: Rest
  - **Isaiah 40:29-31** - Promise: Strength
  - **Romans 6:23** - Promise: Salvation
  - **John 14:2-3** - Promise: Christ's Return
- End by asking your student(s) which promise from these verses they struggle to believe. You could even challenge them to memorize this passage or highlight it in their Bible to go back to on a regular basis.

## DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

- The goal of this time is to help identify areas in your student's life where they struggle to believe/trust in God's sovereign nature. If you know of a particular area in your student's life that may contribute to this struggle, consider gently bringing that up with them and asking how what you learned today may help them in that area of their life. DON'T FORGET to share your answers to the following with the student(s) as well. The student(s) isn't the only one who struggles to trust God's faithfulness in their life fully ;).
- Discuss: **What is one example of how you have seen God be faithful in your life?**
- Discuss: **What is an area of your life where you struggle to trust in God's faithfulness?**
- Discuss: **How would your life change if you were to trust in God's faithfulness?**
- Discuss: **Is God faithful even when He does not answer your prayers in the way that you asked, heal your family member, or get you into the college you want? How do you know?** This can be a hard question to answer. For some students, life is really difficult, and they may have a really hard time thinking of an example.
- End by reading **Daniel 3:16-28** and highlighting how we see Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego understand that God's faithfulness does not fail when we feel afraid or bad things to happen. They knew He was faithful even if they died in the furnace. They had peace in who He says He is despite our feelings or circumstances.
  - Another example you can turn to would be God's promise to Moses that God would deliver the Israelites and bring them into the promise land in **Exodus 6:6-8**. Though the Israelites did not make it into the promise land during Moses' lifetime and see God's promise being answered, God was still faithful, and the Israelites were delivered (**Joshua 3:14-17**).

## CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!An5ireFvcG7q-EE1iByvlfk0UyXB>

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Pray through whichever verse/promise your student(s) identified they struggle believing the most.

*We would love your feedback on this lesson! Click the link or scan the QR code.*

