





Discussion Gu'de



"FAITH LESS"

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THE POINT:

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL EVEN WHEN WE'RE NOT

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

 Would you rather wear a dog leash and be led by someone else the rest of your life <u>OR</u> wear a dog muzzle for the rest of your life?

The Reflection (required) <u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Read 2 Timothy 2:11-12. Take some time to discuss what each of the following parts of the verse mean, and how they are synonymous to each other. Read the verses in parentheses to help explain each pair:
 - Die/Live v. 11b (see Romans 6:2-11)
 - Endure/Reign v. 12a (See Romans 8:17 & Revelation 3:21)
 - Reject/Reject v. 12b (See John 1:10)
- Read 2 Timothy 2:13. In this verse we see a contrast from the other three pairs: when we are faith less (which is different from "rejection"—this may need to be explained from the Point), God remains faith ful! Reflect back on your life, and share a time when God was faithful to you despite your unfaithfulness to Him.
- We've spent this past month seeing that God IS Faithful, so where are you in following Him? Read the verses and options below, then honestly share where you are right now; this is a safe place...:
 - John 1:10-13. Are you choosing to <u>Reject</u> Jesus, not believing who he is and what he has done for you on the cross?
 - 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. Are you living with Regret? You're a Christ-follower, but you're not trusting and living for Him daily?
 - Luke 15:11-24. Is it time to <u>Return</u>? Either choosing to believe for the first time and become a Christ-follower, OR coming back to your Father's open arms and trusting him?
 - ...Or perhaps you and your Father are already partying together!

The References

Main Passage: 2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NIV)

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Romans 6:2-11 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...So you also should <u>consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin</u> <u>and alive to God</u> through Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:17 (NLT)

Yet <u>what we suffer now</u> is nothing compared to <u>the glory he will reveal</u> to <u>us later</u>.

Revelation 3:21 (NIV)

To the one who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

John 1:10-13 (NLT)

He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15*too long to print, read passage in Bible

Luke 15:11-24*too long to print, read passage in Bible