

## STUDY GUIDE

Galatians 5:16-25; Hebrews 11:1-6; Mark 4:26-29

“Living by the Spirit: The Fruit of Faithfulness”

- 1) Share your definitions of “*faith*” and “*faithfulness*.” Discuss how the way we define “*faith*” and “*faithfulness*” are the same and different from how God’s Word defines “*faith*” and “*faithfulness*.”
- 2) Why is it significant that “*faith*” begins with “*things hoped for*”? What are the personal implications of the statement: “*Faith is dissatisfaction with a life that is all length and all breadth, but no real depth.*”
- 3) Why is it significant that “*faith . . . the conviction of things not seen.*”? Discuss the personal implications of the statement: “*Faith (what we believe) requires no effort, but lack of faith (unbelief) requires effort.*”
- 4) In Abel we see that *living out the faithfulness of our faith means living a life of sacrifice for God*. What did Able gain from God in doing so? How should this affect what we do for God and for others?
- 5) In Enoch we see that *living out the faithfulness of our faith also means living a life of intimacy with God*. What did Enoch gain from God in doing so? How should this affect our walk & relationship with God?
- 6) Why is it essential that God must be first and foremost faithful to Himself?
- 7) Why does faith *please* God? What is our “*reward*” in doing so? What is the purpose of that “*reward*”?
- 8) How do we see “*faith*” and “*faithfulness*” at work in the man who planted the seeds? Share how this could produce humble character and the fruit of unity and service in our lives and in the church.
- 9) FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION: Discuss the implications (personally and for the church) of . . .

*“Without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6*