

Following Jesus

Study Guide – Faithful in Relationships

Main Idea: Jesus was faithful and loyal in his relationships with his disciples and friends. He redefined family in terms of faith rather than heredity. He demonstrated patience, kept his commitments, and connected with people emotionally.

Living like Jesus: We can imitate Jesus by being faithful and loyal in our relationships.

Key Scriptures: Here are some examples of how Jesus was faithful:

- As a boy, he was faithful to his parents (Luke 2:51)
- To those who come to him for eternal life (Matt. 18:6-14; John 3:16-18; 10:1-21)
- To outcasts and those who are spiritually sick (John 4:5-42; Mark 1:40-45; 14:3-9; Matt. 9:9-13; Luke 7:36-50; 15:1-32; 19:1-10)
- To John the Baptizer (Matt. 11:1-11)
- To his disciples as his true family (Mark 3:31-35; Matt. 12:46-50; Luke 8:19-21)
- To the crowds (Matt. 14:14ff. and throughout the Gospels)
- To Simon Peter (Matt. 16:18-19; Mark 16:7; Luke 24:33-35; John 21:1-25)
- To Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)
- To Thomas (John 20:26-31)
- To those rejected by the religious leaders (John 9:1-41)
- To his good friends (John 11:1-44)
- To his mother (John 19:26-27)
- To his disciples (Luke 22:28-30; John 13-17; 18:8-10; Luke 24:13-32, 44-49; Acts 1:3-8)
- To his heavenly Father (Matt. 26:39 and throughout the Gospels)

Discussion Questions:

1. What impresses you most about how Jesus was loyal in his relationships?
2. What is involved in being loyal and faithful in any relationship?
3. If you have had people demonstrate loyalty and faithfulness to you in the past, how has that affected you?
4. In your relationships, what has been the most challenging thing about staying loyal?
5. How can the group pray for you when it comes to following Jesus in being loyal and faithful in relationships?