

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Life Group Study – Faith and Faithfulness Cornerstone Christian Church

Faith is a necessary part of life and in order to live the Gospel shaped life, we not only have to have faith but we are also called to be faithful.

According to Hebrews 11 faith is *“The substance of things hoped for”* and the Wiki definition of faithfulness is *“the concept of unfailingly remaining loyal to someone or something and putting that loyalty into consistent practice regardless of extenuating circumstances.”*

- Have you ever been let down by someone or something that you trusted?

Read Isaiah 28:16

- How do we learn to trust someone or something?
- In what way was Jesus tested to become someone we can put our faith in?

Faith simply stated is the act of putting our hope in something or someone. There are many things we can put our hope in but not all are able to deliver. There are many things in life that will test our faith and this can be a good thing in the end.

Read Numbers 21:4-9

- How were the people healed?
- Why didn't God take away the snakes?

Read 1 Peter 1:6-9

- What is the value to us of tested faith?
- What are some ways God refines our faith?

It is this testing process that reveals what really endures in the heat of disappointment, the pressure of not enough, the rolling boil of loneliness, the constant battering of doubt and worry, and even the insistent hammering of the enemy as he tries to shake us. It is the refined faith that testifies to the goodness of God in and through every circumstance.

Read Luke 17:3-10

- Why do you think the disciples needed more faith in the area of forgiveness?
- How does Jesus view our faithfulness?

A life of faith is revealed in our faithfulness to God and to his word and also to each other.