

TOTAL REVOLUTION of VALUES

Session #6 - From Falseness to Faithfulness

Session Objective: Faithfulness is a critical characteristic for a disciple of Jesus. Therefore, this session will:

- Explore the benefits and costs of faithfulness
- Challenge students to live revolutionary lives of faithfulness

Session Outline

Leader Preamble:

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Have you ever purchased something, but discovered later that you had been ripped off? What happened? How did you feel? What did you do?**

Leader Say: In this session, we are looking at faithfulness. Again, this fruit of the Spirit requires God's supernatural work in our lives to avoid the opposite – falseness. Let's look into the Scripture for an example of these two opposites at work...

Read Genesis 39, **Leader Note:** You could have different people read different parts or act it out – parts include: narrator, Joseph, Potiphar's wife, Potiphar).

- 2. How does this passage illustrate faithfulness and falseness?**

Joseph acted with faithfulness to God, his master, and himself. In contrast, Potiphar's wife acted with falseness by trying to trap Joseph and then by lying to Potiphar.

- 3. What did Joseph's choice for faithfulness require?**

A long-term view – he looked beyond immediate gratification. Even though he made a decision of faithfulness, he lost his position and was sent to prison. Joseph's decision required a hefty cost on his part.

- 4. Do you have any examples in your own life – where acting in faithfulness cost you personally OR where acting with falseness (without faithfulness) cost you?**

5. What motivated Joseph's decision?

A commitment to values rooted beyond his immediate gratification. In this case (39:9-10), faithfulness to his master and his God.

6. What are some examples of activities or actions where you highly value faithfulness? How about examples where you value faithfulness very little?

Leader Note: To 'prime the pump', you could suggest various scenarios – i.e. time – Is it a big deal when people are late? Shared homework/projects? Money?

7. Over and over in Scripture, God is characterized as faithful. Why is His faithfulness important?

If God isn't faithful, how could we know that he would do anything or everything he has promised? We couldn't!

8. What motivates you to faithfulness as a Christian? Why is our faithfulness important?

Leader Note: Add in the following as needed:

- *The desire to be entrusted with more responsibility – see Matthew 25:23*
- *See Paul's inspiring end of life statement – Read 2 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul looked back with no regrets*
- *Representing Christ as his ambassador is a huge responsibility that could be tainted by lack of faithfulness (And, it's amazing how one act of falseness or lack of faithfulness can taint both our and God's reputation).*

9. Take a few minutes and think about the different areas of your own life – school, family, friends, work, teams, church. Could you grown in faithfulness in any of these areas? How? What could you do this week to take steps toward a pattern of faithfulness?

Comments and Feedback

Leader Note: This is your place each week to record significant sharing or growth in the lives of your students for subsequent follow up. You can also use this space to provide feedback on the material. All suggestions are welcome.

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