

Small Group Guide: Faithful Obedience in God's Covenant

Key Takeaways:

1. God's covenant relationship with His people is based on His promises and requires our faithful obedience.
2. Faithful obedience is important before, during, and after the fulfillment of God's promises.
3. The New Covenant in Christ provides us with the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live in obedience from a transformed heart.
4. We must be vigilant not to take God's presence and promises for granted, even after experiencing His blessings.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor used his personal story of meeting his wife to illustrate faithfulness in different stages. How does this relate to our relationship with God? Share an experience where you had to remain faithful to God before seeing His promises fulfilled.
2. Joshua emphasized recalling God's faithfulness to Israel. How does remembering God's past faithfulness in your life help you trust Him for the future?
3. The sermon mentioned "Abrahamic righteousness." What are the key aspects of this, and how can we apply them in our lives today?
4. How does the New Covenant in Christ differ from the Old Covenant? How does this impact our relationship with God?
5. The pastor warned about neglecting our salvation. What are some ways we might be tempted to do this in our daily lives?
6. How can we cultivate a heart that desires to obey God out of love rather than obligation or fear?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Remembrance: Take time each day this week to recall and write down specific ways God has been faithful to you.
2. Covenant Renewal: Spend time in prayer, renewing your commitment to God and asking for His help to live in faithful obedience.
3. Spirit-Led Obedience: Before making decisions this week, consciously ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to obey God's will.
4. Sharing God's Faithfulness: Look for an opportunity to share with someone how God has been faithful in your life, as a way of encouraging them and glorifying God.