

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of July 30, 2017

**This Week's Focus:** Scripture teaches us countless ways that God is faithful, and his faithfulness is most clearly revealed in the gospel – the good news that the faithful Son of God underwent the punishment of the cross for our unfaithfulness so that we can be forgiven and transformed into faithful children of God.

**This Week's Text:** Galatians 5:22-23; Psalm 89:1-4, 28-37; 2 Timothy 2:11-13

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, 'Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.' You have said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" **Psalm 89:1-4**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What is the fruit of the Spirit? Are the characteristics of the fruit simply personality traits/temperament? What does it mean that the Fruit of the Spirit are "communicable attributes" of God?
- What is faithfulness? (i.e., reliability, stability, firmness, courage, unwavering commitment). Why is faithfulness so sorely lacking in our contemporary culture?
- Why are God's love and faithfulness so closely connected? (Exodus 34:6-7; Deuteronomy 7:7-9)
- Discuss the following ways God is faithful toward us by
  - Keeping his promises (Genesis 3:15)
  - Protecting us from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:1-3)
  - Limiting our temptations (1 Corinthians 10:13)
  - Forgiving our sin (1 John 1:9)
  - Completing his work of sanctification in us (Philippians 1:6)
- Do you struggle trusting God and believing he is good? Have you considered what it would be like if God was not faithful? Share some ways God has personally shown his faithfulness to you.
- Discuss how Jesus was faithful to his Father and the Father faithful to Jesus. (Psalm 89:28-37)  
How does the Spirit show his faithfulness to the Father and the Son?

- How can faithfulness be expressed in a negative (and even dangerous) way? Can true faithfulness be separated from the other characteristic elements of the Fruit of the Spirit?
- Why is community essential to expressing faithfulness? What are some practical ways we can show faithfulness to one another?
- Discuss how the Holy Spirit through the gospel establishes and grows faithfulness (along with the other elements of the Fruit of the Spirit) in us to overcome our fleshly desires. What is the starting point and guide of our faithfulness toward God and to others? (Psalm 33:4)