

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

FAITHFUL BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
Colossians — Week 3

**ICEBREAKER:** What is a good thing happening in your life right now? What makes it good?

**OVERVIEW:** The greatest crisis in America today is the loss of virtue. Not only do most people have serious character flaws, but most do not even know what it is to be virtuous. They do not know right from wrong. This loss of virtue is not only plaguing society at large, but it has even infiltrated the church. Most professing Christians show very little resemblance to the character of God in the Bible. In this study we are striving to grow in the Christian grace of faithfulness.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why is the loss of virtue in America such a crisis? What is the solution to this problem?
3. Read Colossians 1:2. How does Paul describe the believers in Colossae?
4. Faithfulness has two definitions; what are they?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 1:9, and Proverbs 12:22. How do these two verses define faithfulness?

6. Faithfulness is keeping your word. How are faithfulness and honesty related, and how are they different?
7. Read Matthew 5:33-37. How can you cultivate faithfulness and become a person of your word?
8. 1 Corinthians 15:58. A second definition of faithfulness is loyalty to Christ. It means a long obedience in the same direction; to stand firm; hold fast; keep on; be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in Christ. What are some ways we need to be loyal to Christ?
9. How do you personally need to grow in faithfulness?
10. All of us have been unfaithful at times, sinning against God and man. How can we be made right with God and avoid His wrath against our sins?

**The Last Word:** Your word is your bond. It is your commitment to a course of action that must be backed up with faithfulness.