



The Faithfulness of God: Past, Present, Future

December 31, 2023

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement: Share a highlight from Christmas or New Year celebrations.

Reflection:

Remembering 2023:

Step 1: Identify 3 things that happened last year that you are thankful for. Gratitude lifts our spirits and reminds us of where our help comes from. ([1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#) ESV)

Step 2: Identify 3 prayers God answered last year

Looking Ahead to 2024:

Step 3: Start with gratitude. What are you grateful for right now, this week, today? Try to list 3 things.

Step 4: Identify prayers for the New Year. What are your hopes, dreams, or goals for the year to come? Try to identify at least 1 of each.

Step 5: Write these down and turn them into prayers. These can become your foundational prayers for the New Year.

Remembering the Faithfulness of God:

Step 6: Read [Isaiah 41:10](#); [Psalm 94:18-19](#); [Exodus 34:6-7](#); [John 14:6](#); [2 Timothy 2:11-13](#); [1 Corinthians 1:9](#); [Hebrews 13:8](#) (consider reading some of these in a variety of translations)

-Do you trust God? Why/why not? What does it look like to daily rest and hope in God's faithfulness? How might your trust in God's faithfulness impact your circle of influence (family, coworkers, classmates, neighbors)?

Prayer:

Use [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#) to lead you into a time of praise, thanksgiving, and prayer. Consider sharing your hopes, dreams, or goals for 2024 and committing to pray for one another.

Next Steps:

What step will you take toward the Lord this year? Is there a scripture to memorize, a new habit to develop, a distraction to eliminate, or an opportunity to give/serve? How can this group help hold one another accountable?

FIND YOUR CHAIR! Look for "[Hopes, Dreams, and Goals for a New Year](#)", a whoisgrace reading plan on YouVersion.



RESOLVED: Getting Close to God *is* Possible

Pastor Derek

January 7, 2024

Life Group Discussion

Encouragement: Have you ever had the experience of really wanting to take a relationship to the next level of closeness – but the other person wasn't really reciprocating those feelings?

Scripture:

Hypothesis: God is not looking for a CASUAL relationship with you. He wants to be CLOSE to you.

Read these Scriptures and reflect on how they prove the truth of this hypothesis. (Consider reading some of these in a variety of Bible translations).

[Genesis 3:8-10](#)

[Jeremiah 24:7](#)

[Deuteronomy 6:4-12](#)

[Psalm 139:1-6](#)

[Psalm 139:13-16](#)

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[John 10:1-16](#)

[John 14:23-27](#)

[Hebrews 4:16](#)

[Hebrews 7:5](#)

[Hebrews 11:6](#)

[James 4:8](#)

[Revelation 3:14-22](#)

What holds us back from a close relationship with God?

Do you trust Him? Why/why not? Do you understand who He is? What is your source of understanding?

Do you hide from Him? Why/Why not?

Do you prioritize time with Him? Why/why not? What does time with God look like?

Prayer: Use [Psalm 16:8](#) to lead you into a time of prayer. Hear and receive the Lord's invitation to draw near to Him in 2024.

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Next Steps: "You don't rise to the level of your goals, you fall to the level of your systems." (James Clear)

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