

Goal: This week's discussion will show us how to connect our faith with our words and have integrity with our speech.

Conversation Starter: This week Pastor Joie talked about how our words carry weight and have consequences. Describe a time when you had to follow through on a promise you made off-handedly, or describe a time when someone failed to follow through on a promise to you and the consequences of those actions.

Review: Ask Life Group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Discussion

Faith does not waver

Read: Romans 4:18-24

- Even though God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations, Abraham was facing some very real obstacles when it came to having children. What does the word say about Abraham's faith in the face of these obstacles?
- Verses 20 and 21 indicate that Abraham did not waver in his faith! He was fully persuaded. What promises of God are you fully persuaded on? What does the fruit of being fully persuaded look like?
- Who are some people, in the Bible or in your personal life, who are fully persuaded that the promises of God are for them? What is the fruit of their life? How do you know that they believe?

Faith and words must work together

Read: Genesis 22:1-14

- Isaac is the son God promised to Abraham. In the natural, it did not seem that Isaac would be able to survive being sacrificed. How do we know that this was not Abraham's belief?
- James 2:22 says, "You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." How did Abraham's faith put his faith to work in this situation? What role did his words play in exercising his faith?
- Pastor Joie talked about how our words and our faith must work together. Our words have to have integrity in order to have power. How can we ensure that our words work with our faith in the Word of God? What can we do to correct either a faith problem or a word problem?

Make it Personal

- What is one promise of God that you find yourself struggling to align your words and your faith?

- What does it mean to speak with integrity when it comes to faith?
- How does knowing that you are accountable for every word you speak affect the way you view your words?

Act on it: This week, meditate on the consequence of your words. Decide what seed you want to sow into your life and write some declarations so you are constantly planting and watering that seed. Continue to build up your faith so your words reflect the condition of your spirit.

Before you close:

This week in our offering message, we talked about God's promise in Malachi 3:10.

Read Malachi 3:10

When we bring all the tithes into the storehouse, God promises to open the windows of heaven and provide a blessing so large we won't be able to take it all in. Tithing isn't for God's benefit, it is for your benefit! If you want to activate that principle today and do what God says, test him in the tithe, you can do so by donating on the Champion Center App or through PushPay now.

We also want to make sure we are constantly reaching out to others and seeing them won to the kingdom of God. Take a moment to ask your group members if anyone is planning on bringing anyone to life group next week. Take note of any names and pray for God to give them ears to hear and a heart that desires to know Him.

Prayer, prayer requests, and testimonies

Ask Life Group members to share any prayer requests or testimonies they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week. Take time to pray and ask if anyone would like to receive salvation, baptism of the Holy Spirit, or prayer for a physical need.

