



LESSON 10 // HOW TO STAY FAITHFUL

Big Idea: Three of Jesus' apostles are barely mentioned in Scripture, so they may seem less important. But they show us is that staying faithful to the Lord is most important. This involves remembering that you're chosen by God for a purpose, known to God by name and responsible to Him to be faithful. Also remember your ultimate reward is in heaven, and it's never about us anyway—it's always about Jesus!

John 15:16 (NLT) *You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.*

John 10:2-3 (NLT) *But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV) *Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

John 3:30 (NIV) *He must become greater; I must become less.*

Start Talking:

Do you tend to want to be “out front” where people see and notice you, or “behind the scenes”? Why do you think this is the case?

Start Thinking:

Read John 15:16. According to this verse, what purpose does Jesus have for your life? How can this encourage you when you feel like you aren't important or significant in His kingdom?

Read John 10:2-3. Why is it valuable to remember that Jesus knows you by name?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2. What “trust” have you been given by the Lord? In what ways does He expect you to “be faithful” to Him regarding this trust?

Read Colossians 3:23-24. What difference does it make to know that you are “working for the Lord” in all you do rather than working for “human masters”?

Read John 3:30. What does it mean for you to “become less” so that Jesus can “become greater”?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray that God will give you a fresh revelation of how valuable you are to Him—no matter how insignificant you may think you are. Also ask Him to strengthen you in consistent, faithful, humble obedience to His Word so that you will be more useful in His kingdom.