

Foundations of Faith

Quality of Leading

Throughout the Bible, we as Christians are called to live grace-filled, obedient lives. Whether we actually live up to the call or not, others are watching intently. When it comes to leading in some sort of spiritual capacity, that observation not only continues but is heightened. Foundations of Faith (FoF) places this truth on display as this life-on-life discipleship puts your walk with Christ out for intense scrutiny. It isn't as if those going through FoF with you are instructed to pick you apart, but since you are walking them through these basics, they are going to learn how the basics of the study look lived out in your life. We as leaders must demonstrate early on how a disciple of Christ should live so that the young and observant disciple can model it later on. Because of this, we want those leading FoF to understand they have a role to fulfill and a character quality that is necessary for this level of discipleship to succeed in a great way.

Spend some time before entering into this life-on-life discipleship with the passages below. Answer the following questions and then respond to Jesus about what He has shown you here.

Matthew 5:16

What is the purpose of living an authentic Christian life? Do I hold to this purpose in my own life?

Philippians 2:3-8

What main character trait is mentioned in this passage? What's the intent of Paul in regards to my life and my demonstration of this trait? How does this trait (or the lack of it) manifest itself as I engage others? What do I think needs to change in regards to seeing this trait more fully day in and day out?

1 Peter 1:13-16

What does Peter say here about living intentionally? Who am I supposed to look like, and who do I actually look like? What specific actions am I called to take?

1 Peter 3:8

When and how did these character traits show up in Jesus' life on earth? Which of these traits are missing or underdeveloped in my own life? How can I see real growth in these five areas?