



Counterfeit: Pt. 1; With Others

Experiencing faith FOR yourself isn't the same as experiencing faith BY yourself. The people we surround ourselves with make a huge impact on our lives. When your morale and character are compromised by others, everything else will start to crack under pressure. What is something that we can do to ensure we are living the plan God has for our lives? Ancient scripture provides us with an example.

Bottom Line: Real faith grows with people of character.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss a time when you bought something that wasn't name brand. What was it? What made you decide to buy that instead of the name brand item?
2. In our society, what are some things that you see which are fake? How can you tell that they are fake?
3. **Read 1 Kings 11:1-8.** During the message, we learned that Solomon was a great man with much wealth, but turned from God when he was older. What events occurred in Solomon's life to cause this? What influences did he have during that time?
4. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** Discuss a time when you did something that wasn't wise. What or who influenced you to act that way or do that thing? What did you learn from that?
5. If the people around us have a huge impact on our lives and our faith, how do we find the right people? How do we avoid being affected by the wrong people?
6. What are some things you can do to connect with people of character?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?