

## Fire Pit Topic – August 2019: Dependable/Trustworthy

Definition: Having the developed quality of being reliable in your words, attitudes, and actions. Being a man who can be trusted to follow through with the things he has agreed to undertake. A man with a faithful spirit.

How to illustrate at the chapter meeting: (Comments and questions)

1. Remember, none of us are born dependable. We develop those qualities over time.
2. For instance, do you return your calls and text?
3. Are you becoming a “man of your word”?

Fire Pit Discussion: Focus group

1. Talk about the definition, comments and questions.
2. Historical events that illustrate being dependable and trustworthy.
  - a. After the Colony’s won their independence from England, they looked for the most dependable and trustworthy to become the first president of the United States. They chose General George Washington who had proven his trustworthiness as the commander of the revolutionary army.
  - b. Hitler proved his lack of trustworthiness when he promised peace in Europe to England, and then began his attacks on Eastern Europe during WW11.
3. References in the Bible
  - a. Proverbs 20: 6; 11: 13
  - b. I Corinthians 4: 1&2
  - c. Genesis 39: 1-6 Joseph proved to be a dependable servant in another man’s house, and God protected and favored him. (Even when he was falsely accused)
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus.
  - a. Mark 1: 9- 11 Jesus was a faithful and dependable son to His heaven Father.
  - b. John 10: 11- 15 Jesus is the “good or dependable shepherd”
  - c. John 19: 30, “It is finished” paid in full. He was dependable to accomplish all His Father had set him to do.
5. Application: Where are the areas of your life in which you need to become more dependable/trustworthy? What is stopping you?