









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
17	2	3	HOLINESS	Holiness in the Church	73: Forbearance and Faithfulness

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: Suggest meanings for forbearance and faithfulness (Synonym Game – see preface to Core Activities and Learning)

Learning objectives: To understand the qualities of forbearance and faithfulness as fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Core Activities and Learning

Forbearance – meaning: “patient endurance, perseverance or self restraint.”

Faithfulness – meaning: “reliability, trustworthiness, dedication”

These are the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the sense that the role of the Holy Spirit is to transform our lives, our attitudes and our behaviours into something more closely resembling Christ by our active cooperation and work. It is important, therefore, to look at forbearance and faithfulness as characteristics of Christ Himself in the Gospels. This is brought into sharpest focus by the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TASK (BIBLE STUDY)

1. Distribute Resource Sheet 73
2. Split the students into two groups. One will research FORBEARANCE from the Scriptural texts ... the other FAITHFULNESS. The task is to explore in the widest and deepest possible way what the passages teach about GOD'S forbearance and faithfulness and then to examine the implications for Christians in developing their own forbearance and faithfulness.
3. Each group, through a representative, reports on its findings. The other group then has 5 minutes for a Q&A session. The Leader acts as a moderator and only intervenes when necessary. His / her job is to make sure that the major points in the biblical text are understood. He / she should consult some good commentaries before the lesson to be fully prepared.

Resources: Resource Sheet 73

Review: In Christ, God is shown to be both forbearing of our sins in His incarnational sacrifice and faithful to his love in raising us from death and vanquishing evil.

Follow Up: For next week ask the students to research some texts that might serve as evidence for God's goodness and gentleness, (the next two fruits of the Holy Spirit).