

**DATE:** July 28, 2024

**TITLE:** Christian Leadership

**SCRIPTURE:** Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** Who is the greatest leader you know or know about? Why do you consider them a great leader?

**THINK BACK:** Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? Was there anything that left you with questions?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Read Nehemiah 6:15-7:4

1. How is Christian leadership distinct from leadership in the world?
2. In the sermon the enemies of Israel knew that the Jews could only have done what they did with the help of God? What does this tell us about human sin?
3. What did you think of Pastor Patrick's statement that man's rebellion against God isn't about a lack of evidence? Do you agree or disagree? Explain biblically.
4. In the sermon Pastor Patrick mentioned marrying outside of the faith was against God's word? Do you agree or disagree? Explain biblically.
5. Why is endurance so important for leadership?
6. Have you ever met a Christian that was incredibly jaded or cynical? How did this impact their Christian character?
7. How would you biblically counsel a Christian friend that was becoming jaded and cynical?
8. What is the root of Christian endurance?
9. Are all Christians really commanded to make disciples? Explain biblically.
10. Who are you discipling? Who could you disciple?
11. Why is it important that Christian select leaders that are biblically qualified?
12. What is one way you could better seek to finish well?

## APPLICATION

What is your nagging unanswered question? What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message? How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do? What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

## PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

## SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE FOR JULY:

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. Romans 3:23-25

## REMINDERS

### Small Group Checklist

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

**Check the bulletin, monthly newsletter and events page on the website for ways that you can get plugged in, as well as events here at FCC. Here are a couple of those things:**

- VBS Registration is also open! Go to the events tab of the website to register your kids, register to volunteer, or see how you can donate supplies to this great outreach event! Check out the tree in the foyer as well!
- Save the Date for our Church Picnic on Sunday, August 18th immediately following our one service at 10am!