



# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



**DATE:** January 11, 2025  
**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

**TITLE:** Back to the Beginning  
**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 19:1-12

## OPENING PRAYER

## ICE BREAKER:

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Read the scripture for today

1. How does the world view marriage and divorce?
2. What is Jesus view of marriage and divorce?
3. What does Jesus response to the Pharisees instruct us today?
4. Why does Jesus point back to creation?
5. Why is it important to remember that there are three people in every marriage?
6. The Pharisees claimed to have biblical support for their view. But they treated the Bible like lawyers looking for loopholes. How have you seen people misuse the Bible?
7. How can you tell if someone is misusing the Bible?
8. What is Jesus view of singleness?
9. How can we see to make sure singles feel welcome in the church?
10. What is marriage meant to prepare us for? (Revelation 19:6-9)

## APPLICATION

1. What is your nagging unanswered question?
2. What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message?
3. How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?
4. 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?
5. What's one thing from this text that you could say to a believer/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:

1 Corinthians 4:6-7: 6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

## REMINDERS

### Small Group Checklist

- We suggest you serve 1x every six weeks or so. Discuss ideas.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!!
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Go through the Announcements in the Bulletin together to see what is coming up at FCC and how you can get plugged in! Here are a couple of those things - all registrations can be found online! [www.fccnr.org](http://www.fccnr.org)

### -YOUTH CONFERENCE

We invite both our Youth grades 9-12, as well as anyone who enjoys working with youth to join us for the Ignite Youth Conference in Des Moines, Iowa on March 13-15<sup>th</sup>! More details and registration can be found online!

### -WINTER FUN DAY

Save the date for Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>! We will be hosting a Winter Fun Day at FCC with sledding, bonfires, s'mores and more!

### -ENGAGE LUNCH

If you know someone newer to FCC or you are looking to get better connected yourself, we have an Engage Lunch coming up on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> service! Learn about opportunities to get involved, meet leadership, get a tour of the building, and get a free lunch! The whole family is invited!