

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: April 19, 2026

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: Lamenting Love

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:37-39

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What did your parents keep repeating to you over and over again?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. Why does it seem like the scribes and Pharisees who seek to kill Jesus are worse than any other generation of religious leaders in Israel? Read Matthew 24:31-36.
2. Read John 1:9,10. The light of the world was present in the flesh. Had any other generation ever had as much revealed to them as this generation?
3. Jesus repetition of the "woes" in chapter 24 and the name calling sounds like Jesus is fed up. How does that perception change as we read verse 37-39?
4. Have you ever felt like Jesus feels when someone you love keeps making the same choices and getting the same negative results?
5. Define the word lament. Can you dearly love those who persist in not listening and obeying the gospel?
6. What were the consequences of the unwillingness to listen and obey?
7. What happens when Jesus leaves the Temple?
8. David prays in Psalm 51:12 asks God to uphold or sustain him with a "willing spirit." How does this apply to us today?

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:

Hebrews 1:8 - But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

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

-FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! - Friday, April 24th

Join us for a Family Movie Night watching, David! This is a free event suitable for all ages!! Doors open at 5:30pm to get your pillows, blankets, or lawn chairs all set, and the movie will start at 6pm! Drinks and Candy will be available for purchase!

-COVENANT MEMBER CLASS - Saturday, May 16th at 9am!

If Faith Community Church is your home, and you want to become a Covenant Member with us, please register and we will get you connected to the next steps of completing your journey. fccnr.org - and head to the events tab!

-YOUTH MEALS

Looking for ways to serve as a small group before summer hits? Consider sponsoring a meal for our youth group by either purchasing items for one week from the pantry list, or signing up for a slot to serve. Signups can be found on the website: fccnr.org/youthministry