

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: August 16, 2026
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: My Way
SCRIPTURE: Judges 16

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is one song you want them to sing at your funeral?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. Why is doing things "my way" not the right way for the Christian?
2. How would you respond to someone who says, "My way has always worked for me"?
3. What is the difference between pragmatism and obedience?
4. How can someone presume on the grace of God? Why is that a bad thing?
5. What should we learn from Samson's relationship with Delilah?
6. Why do you think Samson gave in and told Delilah his secret? What should we learn from this?
7. How should verse 20 serve as a warning?
8. What can we learn from Samson's final prayer?
9. How did God even use Samson's death to deliver Israel? What does this teach us about God?
10. **HOMEWORK:** Where are you living like Samson? Where do you need to surrender your way to God?

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:

John 8:12
Jesus spoke to them again:
"I am the light of the world.
Anyone who follows me
will never walk in the darkness
but will have the light of life."

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

-SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Starting August 23rd, we will go back to our normal service times - 8:30am and 11am for worship, and Sunday School at 10am!

FCC YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

If you have a child heading into 6th-12th grade and would like them to be part of youth group this year, please get them registered! Links and schedules can be found on the Connect Tab of the Website (then click Youth Ministry). or head to fccnr.org/youthministry

GRIEFSHARE

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of someone they loved, we invite you to join our upcoming GriefShare series! GriefShare will meet on Monday nights from 6-8pm starting September 14th. Register on the events tab of the website.

Our Next Covenant Member Meeting will be on Sunday, August 30th from 5-7pm! If you are a member at FCC, join us!