

DATE: July 9th, 2023

TITLE: Series: For Your Joy
Tested and Being Tested

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:1-6

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a time you were fooled or tricked. How did it make you feel?
Can you think of someone who has been “tricked by Satan” ?

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 1 John 4:1-6

- How are we to hold together two things that seem to be incompatible?
- What does John tell us about who Jesus is?
- Why is it important to affirm Jesus is both God and Human? What would change if He was just God or just man?
- Explain vs 4. Who is the he in us and the he who is in the world?
- What false ideas about Christ exist in our modern world? What false ideas about Christ are tolerated in churches that claim to be followers of Christ?
- Why do we struggle to embrace Jesus as the God-man? Is it truly an intellectual thing?
- Is it loving to test the spirits?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 2 Corinthians 11:1-4
- 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22
- Revelation 2:1-7

APPLICATION

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.”

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:

-We need all hands on deck for our Fun Fest Food Booth this week!! Sign up online for a time slot to serve!

-The VBS sign up is also available online. Check it out to see how you can serve our little church this summer.

-SAVE THE DATE for our SUMMER PICNIC on Sunday, August 13th! We will have one indoor service at 10am with outdoor baptisms, lunch and fun to follow!