

**DATE:** January 21st, 2024

**TITLE:** A Light Has Dawned!

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 4:12-25

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** What quality do you appreciate most in a friend?

**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 Matthew 4:12-25

1. John the Baptist's public ministry lasted for eighteen months. Do you have a ministry? How should you behave since you don't know how much longer your ministry will be?
2. Jesus went and ministered to those looked down upon in his day. How can we see that as a comfort for us? How do we see to minister to people that are overlooked in our own time?
3. Patrick mentioned that there are a lot of different definitions that are tossed around for the kingdom of God. What definitions have you heard for the kingdom of Heaven?
4. What is the danger of having a definition of the kingdom that loses sight of Jesus?
5. In the sermon, Patrick said Christians should be known more for their repentance instead of pretending to be perfect all the time. What do you think of that statement?
6. How can you better reflect repentance in your life?
7. Is the trajectory of your life toward greater obedience to Jesus?
8. What point did the miracles have in the ministry of Jesus?

## 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:**

- Ladies Night: Ladies 12+ are invited to the church on Saturday, February 3rd for a night of food, worship, fellowship, and to listen to a guest speaker. Cost is \$10, register online.
- SAVE THE DATE! Our next Covenant Member Meeting will be on Sunday, February 11th immediately following 2nd service! Bring a dish to share!
- SIGN UPS: CHAOS Meals and D6 Snacks! Our sign ups are pretty empty. Have your small group sign up to sponsor a meal this year! Sign up online!