



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



DATE: December 21, 2025
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: "But you, O Bethlehem"
SCRIPTURE: Micah 5:2-5

OPENING PRAYER

1. ICE BREAKER: HOW DOES CHRISTMAS PROVE THAT EVIL CAN NOT LAST?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. What biblical truths do you cling to when you are overwhelmed?
2. How are Christians supposed to look at suffering?
3. The religious leaders of Jesus day knew where the Messiah was to be born and yet none of them went to find him. Why?
4. Why is knowing about Jesus not enough?
5. Explain how Jesus is the righteous judge.
6. What does it mean that Jesus is our good shepherd?
7. How do we know that Jesus is for all peoples?
8. How does Jesus bring peace?

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: Isaiah 46:4 - Even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

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

-CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES- DEC 24th

Join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve Services on Wednesday, December 24th at 3pm and 5pm!

-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 13-15th! More details and registration can be found online!

-MEN'S COFFEE & BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, January 10th starting at 7am for Fresh Start: Men's Coffee and Breakfast. This year, we will hear testimonies from a few men about being a believer in a secular work place, and spend time in fellowship and encouraging one another. Men 12+ are invited to attend!

-LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Ladies, come and plan the year ahead with us on Sunday, January 11th after 2nd service! Bring a dish to share and fresh ideas!