

**DATE:** March 24, 2024

**TITLE:** Trusted for Truth

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:33-36

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** Who is the most trustworthy person you know? Why? How does that change the way you see that person?

**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 5:33-36

1. Does it shock you that 60% of Americans and 38% of Evangelicals believe "Religious belief is a matter of personal opinion; it is not about objective truth." Why do you think that is?
2. In the sermon, Patrick mentioned several different types of lying. What type do you encounter most often?
3. What is the fallout when someone lies to you?
4. Why must Christians be known for truth?
5. How does the trustworthiness of a Christian effect the way people view God?
6. Can a Christian swear an oath? Why or why not? Use Scripture.
7. What is the motivation for Christians speaking the truth?
8. What do our words say about us? What do they say about God?

## 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."

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.  
Matthew 22:37-39

## 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:**

- EASTER SERVICES: Good Friday at 6 pm | Easter Sunday at 9am and 10:45 with an egg hunt between services for kids ages 3rd grade and under!
- Members of FCC: Please be sure to update your directory profile. Thank you!
- Not yet a member of FCC? Register online to take our membership class on Sat, April 13th!
- Retreat with us in May! Anyone 18+ is invited to join us at Woodlake Camp & Retreat Center on May 3-5th! More information and registration can be found online!
- Don't forget about the Holy Week Reading Challenge! More details are on the website!