

DATE: August 11, 2024

TITLE: Revival

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 8

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is your favorite non-fiction book?

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 Nehemiah 8

1. Have you ever heard of revival before? What have you heard.
2. In the sermon Pastor Patrick defined revival as "the Spirit of God used the word of God to revive his people and to awaken the hearts of sinners for the first time." What do you think of this definition. Can you think of any place in Scripture or history that meets that definition?
3. How can you tell if someone has an insatiable hunger for the word of God?
4. How would you counsel a friend that claims to be a Christian who feels indifferent to the word of God?
5. Why is the word of God so important?
6. Have you ever felt your affections stirred by the word of God? Would you be willing to share?
7. How might you advise a friend who seems to have an emotional reaction to worship but whose life is not marked by growth in obedience?
8. What did you think of Pastor Patrick's statement? "The word never leaves you the same. The same sun that melts the ice, hardens the clay." Discuss
9. Spend some time praying that God would revive our church, our community, our country.

APPLICATION

What is your nagging unanswered question? What did you want to hear that you didn't hear from the message? How can we get to know God as He is and not in the limited way we do now?

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 FOR AUGUST:

Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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:

- Save the Date
 - Church Picnic on Sunday, August 18th immediately following our one service at 10am!
 - Aug 24th: Prayer & Worship Night at 6pm
 - Aug 25th: Covenant Member Mtg at 5pm
 - Sep is 8th: New service times (8:30 and 11am) and Ministry Fair
 - Sep 11th: Youth Group Begins
 - Sep 12th: KidZone Youth Helper Training
 - Sep 15th: Adult Sunday School Begins