



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



DATE: February 1, 2026
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TITLE: Passion Before Glory
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20:17-28

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: If someone who knew you well were asked, “what is _____ most passionate about?” What would they likely say?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. How would you normally use “passion” in daily living?
2. Why did the disciples react the way they did when Jesus told them He was going to be crucified?
Read what Luke says in chapter 18:34.
3. What do we miss if we read Matthew’s account as trying to serve instead of being served? Why is that not good news?
4. Do we enter the kingdom of God by trying to do what Jesus would have us do? John 3:1-6
5. When you hear the word “ransom” what is your first thought? Look up Exodus 30:12 and Psalm 49:7-9.
6. How did Jesus pay the ransom price? Colossians 2:13,14
7. Jesus death also hints at a triumph and victory. Colossians 2:15 and 1 Corinthians 15:54-57.

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:

Romans 14:7-8: ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.

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

-COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

If you are a member here at FCC, we invite you to join us on Sunday, February 15th for our next Covenant Member Meeting! Bring a dish to share and enjoy a night of food & fellowship, meet our newest members, and hear updates from leadership!

-WOMEN’S MINISTRY:

There are many opportunities to connect! Join our Wednesday Bible Study, attend Ladies Time Out on the third Wednesday of the month, participate in our monthly book club and more!

-MEN’S MINISTRY:

Men in high school and older are invited to a Men’s Retreat on March 6-7 at the IRBC in Ventura, Iowa. Registration is open on the events tab of the website: www.fccnr.org/events