

**DATE:** June 25th, 2023

**TITLE:** Series: For Your Joy  
Purifying Hope

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 John 2:28-3:10

**SPEAKER:** Dave Mobley

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** As a child what did you want to be when you grew up?  
Describe yourself with three different words.

**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 1 John 2:28-3:10

- What is our basic identity?
- What reasons for confidence and certainty that we belong to Jesus does John give in this text?
- How can hope in Christ's return "purify" us in our struggle with sin?
- Do you tend to hope in Jesus first appearance or His future appearance?
- Why are both necessary now?
- How does "sinless perfection" in this life and "sin doesn't matter" beliefs derail our practice of righteousness?
- How confident are you right now?

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Hebrews 4:16
- 1 John 1:8-10
- Hebrews 10:19
- Colossians 3:3
- Romans 8:29
- Romans 5:1-5

## 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:

**-We need all hands on deck for our Fun Fest Food Booth this year!!! Sign up online for a time slot to serve!**

-The VBS sign up is also available online. Check it out to see how you can serve our little church this summer.

**-Join us for a night of prayer and worship on Sunday, July 9th at 6PM.**