

DATE: August 6th, 2023

TITLE: For Your Joy:
The Victory

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5:1-5

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a time you won a prize. Tell about a time you had victory over _____ in your life.

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 5:1-5
- What is the common phrase in vs. 1 and 5 that "sandwiches" the rest of the passage?
- According to verse 1 what is the first "evidence" that we are born of God?
- What does 1 John 5:1-5 tell us about the "fruit" that is revealed in everyone who is born of God?
- How can keeping His commandments not be burdensome?
- What does it mean to overcome the world? What does the world try to do to us?
- Do you believe the Spirit is "in you" and enabling you to conquer in this world? If so, what is your first step?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- John 14:15-17
- 1 John 2:15-17
- 1 Corinthians 15:5
- John 1:10-13
- John 3:1-8
- Romans 8:37

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:

-Our first Faith Training Class, "Jonah Was a Prophet", will be August 27th after 2nd service! Register online! Cost is \$10 to cover lunch expenses. Scholarships are available!

-Thank you to all of our wonderful VBS volunteers!!

-SAVE THE DATE for our SUMMER PICNIC on Sunday, August 13th! We will have one indoor service at 10am with outdoor baptisms, lunch and fun to follow!