



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



DATE: January 4, 2025
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: Forgiveness From the Heart
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-34

OPENING PRAYER

1. ICE BREAKER:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. In your own words, how would you define forgiveness?
2. Where would you point in the Bible to help explain forgiveness?
3. How is Christian forgiveness supernatural?
4. How does the world view forgiveness?
5. Why is forgiveness so hard?
6. Why is forgiveness essential for Christians?
7. How does the gospel shape our forgiveness?

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:

1 Corinthians 4:6-7: 6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another. 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

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

-YOUTH CONFERENCE

We invite both our Youth grades 9-12, as well as anyone who enjoys working with youth to join us for the Ignite Youth Conference in Des Moines, Iowa on March 13-15th! More details and registration can be found online!

-MEN'S COFFEE & BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, January 10th starting at 7am for Fresh Start: Men's Coffee and Breakfast. This year, we will hear testimonies from a few men about being a believer in a secular work place, and spend time in fellowship and encouraging one another. Men 12+ are invited to attend!

-LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Ladies, come and plan the year ahead with us on Sunday, January 11th after 2nd service! Bring a dish to share and fresh ideas!

-WINTER FUN DAY

Save the date for Saturday, January 31st! We will be hosting a Winter Fun Day at FCC with sledding, bonfires, s'mores and more!