

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: October 26, 2025
SPEAKER: Dana Olson

TITLE: Healthy Desperation
SCRIPTURE: Revelation 3:14-22

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. How does this letter to the Laodiceans fit into the context of Revelation chapters 2 and 3?
2. What indicates to us that the message of the letter is from Jesus Christ?
3. Share an experience you've had with a beverage or food you expected to be hot or cold but instead was lukewarm. Did you spit it out?
4. What is the clash of perspectives at the heart of the problem with the Laodicean church?
5. Discuss the counsel Jesus gives to the church. How do you relate to these 3 recommendations?
 - a. Real treasure
 - b. Clean clothes
 - c. Kingdom vision
6. Why does Jesus talk this way to the church? What motivates him?
7. What key word in v. 19 helps us understand v. 20? Do you find it helpful to recognize that Jesus in v. 20 is speaking to a church?
8. How does a church throw open its door and invite Jesus to come in?
9. What is our destiny as overcoming, faith-filled believers?
10. Are we in 2025 listening to this word from God's Spirit?

APPLICATION

1. What did speaker mean by Healthy Desperation?
2. Would you say that our church is characterized by Healthy Desperation for the presence and power of Christ by the Holy Spirit? What is the 'prayer temperature' of our church at the present time?
3. What would it look like for our church to grow as a praying church?
4. What step of growth in your prayer life have you identified as an outcome of this Prayer Weekend at Faith Community?

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 OCTOBER:

Acts 4:12 -

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

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

-SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - FCC YOUTH GROUP

Our food team is working hard to serve the 120+ kids at youth group! We are looking for some willing hands to come and help serve the meal and clean up afterwards. Please sign up online!

-TRUNK OR TREAT

Join on Wednesday - October 29th from 6-8pm! Bring the family or help serve at our biggest outreach event here at FCC!

-OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We kicked off the OCC season this weekend and invite you to join us on Saturday, November 1st from 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. for a great opportunity to be part of the action! We will be taking used T-shirts and braiding them into fun jump ropes for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. More information and sign up can be found online!