

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: March 29, 2026
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: Jesus vs Hypocrisy
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:1-12

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Describe a time you saw someone do something helpful or kind when they thought no one was watching. How did that impact your view of them?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. How would you respond to someone who says that the church is full of hypocrites?
2. What is hypocrisy? Is it more than a gap between doing and feeling?
3. What makes hypocrisy so dangerous?
4. Why did the Pharisees reject Jesus? Why do people reject Jesus today?
5. Why is it so hard to practice what we preach? What should we do when we fail to practice what we preach?
6. How do you know the difference between a desire for godliness and simply wanting to appear godly?
7. How can we discern who we are performing for?
8. How do you guard your heart from hypocrisy?
9. What part should fellow Christian play in helping other believers not fall into hypocrisy?
10. What is humility?
11. What does exaltation look like for the Christian? Why does it matter?

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:

Matthew 7:12 - So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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

-EASTER SERVICES AT FCC

Good Friday: April 3rd @ 6pm | Easter: Sunday, April 5th at 8:30am or 11am

-EASTER BRUNCH

We are looking for help with set up/clean up and food donations! Check out the signup online!

-SECRET CHURCH

Faith Community is excited to be hosting Secret Church, a focused night of intense Bible study, urgent prayer, and sacrificial giving for the persecuted church as we desire to see Jesus made known in the places around the world where He is not known yet. Register online to join this event:

