

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: August 9, 2026
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: God Moves in a Mysterious Way
SCRIPTURE: Judges 15

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What Christian song or hymn do you go back to when life get tough?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. How do Christians tell the difference between righteous anger and vengeance?
2. Why is it a good thing that God is a God of "creative destruction"? Can you give an example from your own life?
3. Why did the men of Judah hand Samson over to the Philistines?
4. How are you tempted to give in to fear or compromise today instead of trusting God?
5. How can we overcome ungodly fear?
6. How should have Samson responded to the victory over the Philistines?
7. Why do you think that Samson forgets about God until he needs something?
8. How do we avoid forgetting God when life is going good?
9. Why is it good news that Samson received grace just because he asked?

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:

John 8:12
Jesus spoke to them again:
"I am the light of the world.
Anyone who follows me
will never walk in the darkness
but will have the light of life."

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

-VBS PRAYERS

Please be praying for our efforts this week at VBS - for the workers, parents, children, and for God to be glorified!

-AUGUST 16th!

- **9AM:** "Journey to Africa" where you can hear firsthand from two of our own who recently visited Africa. As Jan Hoffman & Jackie Warner share about their trips, be inspired and find out how YOU can help send the gospel to Africa!
- **10AM:** We will wrap up VBS week with our final Summer Service on the back hill which will include our VBS program!
- **11:30AM:** Stick around for our annual church picnic to follow! Sign up online to help and please bring a dish to share!

-SUMMER SERVICE WRAP UP

Starting August 23rd, we will go back to our normal service times - 8:30am and 11am for worship, Sunday School at 10am!