

DATE: June 11th, 2023

TITLE: Series: For Your Joy
The Love God Hates

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 2:12-17

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a coach/teacher who had a positive impact on you.
What made them effective where others failed?

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 2:12-17

- How does John coach the church well?
- Are you at a beginning stage with Christ? What does John want you to know?
- Have you experienced overcoming the evil one with the Word of God?
- Are you a seasoned follower of Christ who has remained steady during times of suffering and temptation? What does John say to you about who you are?
- Would you say you are content with where you are in Christ but challenged by where you desire to be?
- Desire is neutral and determined good or bad by the object of our affection. What desires does the world seek to exploit? Where are you vulnerable?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

How does John refer to the world in John 1:10 and 1 John 4:17 that differs with 1 John 2:15-17?

John 17:6
John 14:8-10
Romans 8:15-17

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:

-We need all hands on deck for our Fun Fest Food Booth this year!!! Sign up online for a time slot to serve!

-Our next Ruby's Pantry is June 15th! If you have never volunteered before, come and check it out! Sign up on the events tab.

-Join us for a night of prayer and worship on Sunday, July 9th at 6PM.