

DATE: January 14th, 2024

TITLE: The Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is the first thing that pops in your head when you hear the word: Devil

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 Matthew 4:1-11

1. Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted?
2. What are some of the misconceptions you have heard about the devil?
3. Why would it have been wrong for Jesus to give in to the Devil's temptation?
4. How does Matthew make it clear that Jesus is the greater Adam/ Israel? Why does that matter for us today?
5. How is Jesus' temptation similar to the temptation we face today?
6. What can we learn from Jesus' example?
7. Why does Hebrews 4:15-16 assert that it is good for us that Jesus was tempted?
8. Why is it important that we recognize that we are in a spiritual war?

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:

- SIGN UPS: CHAOS Meals! Have your small group sign up to sponsor a meal this year! Sign up online!
- Classes: Have you checked out all of the classes that FCC is offering through Faith Training? Go to the events tab of the website to see where you can get plugged in.
- Ladies Night: Ladies 12+ are invited to the church on Saturday, February 3rd for a night of food, worship, fellowship, and to listen to a guest speaker. Cost is \$10, register online.