

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: February 22, 2026
SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: "From Heaven or From Man?"
SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:23-46

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Share a "Redemption Story"— a time you initially refused a request or felt reluctant but eventually followed through and were glad you did.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. Do you think the religious leader thought they were enemies of God? How could they reject Jesus?
2. Why didn't the religious leaders like John the Baptist?
3. What were the religious leaders afraid of? Why do they refuse to answer Jesus' question?
4. How did the religious leaders' desire for power shape the way they saw Jesus?
5. What do you think when you hear the word "idol"?
6. How do you know if repentance is genuine?
7. What does Jesus' warning in verse 44 mean?

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:

Romans 14:7-8: ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

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

-WOMEN'S MINISTRY:

There are many opportunities to connect! Join our Wednesday Bible Study, attend Ladies Time Out on the third Wednesday of the month, participate in our monthly book club and more!

-MEN'S MINISTRY:

There is still room for Men in high school and older to attend the Men's Retreat on March 6-7 at the IRBC in Ventura, Iowa. Registration is open on the events tab of the website: www.fccnr.org/events and closes soon!

-BAPTISM

Are you ready to take this next step of obedience and get Baptized? We would love to meet with you! Register on the events tab of the website!