

DATE: December 31st, 2023

TITLE: Do You Matter?

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:1-12

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Have you seen the movie It's A Wonderful Life? If so, what did you like or dislike?

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 3:1-12

1. Did you learn anything new about John the Baptist?
2. Read in Luke 1 about John's parents and birth. Why would Luke go into such detail?
3. What are 4 ways the crowds were responding to John's message?
4. How do you understand repentance? When is the last time you confessed sin without excuse to God and others?
5. Did John expect Jesus to accomplish forgiveness of sins and set up the kingdom of God on earth?
6. Why do our hearts need preparation to receive Christ?
7. How do you know your life matters?
8. What would your life be like without Jesus?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- **Luke 1:76-79**
- **Isaiah 40:3-5**
- **Luke 3:10-14**
- **Matthew 11:11**

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!
- **SIGN UP:** Each small group is being asked to sponsor 1 coffee hour for the year! Please talk about which month would work best and sign up! (Your small group leader has the link)
- **Men's Ministry** is bringing back Ribs & Bingo on January 13th - an event the whole family can enjoy! More details are online!