



# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



**DATE: October 12, 2025**  
**SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek**

**TITLE: The Compassion of Jesus**  
**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 15:29-39**

## OPENING PRAYER

## ICE BREAKER: WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Read the scripture for today

1. Look at Jesus feeding the five thousand in Matthew 14, and feeding the four thousand in Matthew 15. What are the similarities? What are the differences?
2. How would you define Christ's compassion?
3. Why was it so scandalous that Jesus cared about the gentiles?
4. Read Galatians 3:8. What was God's plan in blessing Abraham?
5. Who does Jesus have compassion on in this passage? What does this tell us about Jesus?
6. Why do you think Jesus' disciples responded so negatively when he said he wanted to feed the crowd?
7. Who do you have difficulty showing compassion towards?
8. Where is one place where you can give Jesus your "seven loaves and few small fish" to use as he sees fit?
9. What has God given you that you can share with others?
10. Who can you bring to Jesus?

## 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 FOR OCTOBER:

Acts 4:12 -

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

## 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](http://www.fccnr.org)**

#### -MEMBERSHIP CLASS:

Join us for a new member orientation class if you are thinking about taking that next step here at FCC. Registration can be found online for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

#### -SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - FCC YOUTH GROUP

Our food team is working hard to serve the 120+ kids at youth group! We are looking for some willing hands to come and help serve the meal and clean up afterwards. Please sign up online!

#### PRAYER FIRST WEEKEND

Join us October 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> for dedicated time to learn about prayer with Dana Olson! More information and registration can be found online!

#### TRUNK OR TREAT

Check out the sign up online for an opportunity to help donate items or serve at our biggest outreach event at FCC!