

DATE: December 3rd, 2023

TITLE: Promises Made, Promises Kept

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:1-17

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FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Thinking back on your own geneology, do you have any neat stories to share?

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 1:1-17

1. How do you typically respond to the genealogies in Scripture? How should 2 Timothy 3:16 shape the way you look at genealogies?
2. Why is it important that the church clearly proclaim the true humanity of Jesus? Why does it matter for Christians today?
3. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament. Can you give an example where the knowledge of Jesus and his gospel helped you to better understand a passage in the Old Testament?
4. Do you struggle to trust in the promises of God? How might this passage of Scripture encourage your faith?
5. How does the world portray Jesus?
6. How should the Biblical revelation that Jesus is a victorious king that is coming again shape the way we live?

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)
- Christmas Eve Services will be at 9am and 10:45am, with a Candlelight service at 5PM.
- Want to become a member at FCC? Registration is open for our next class on January 13th!