

DATE: July 30th, 2023

TITLE: For Your Joy:
Completely Loved?

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:13-21

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Which of you loved the other first? (ONLY IF EVERYONE IS MARRIED).
What are some ways you see God loving you first?

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 1 John 4:13-21
- What are some ways you see God actively loving in this passage?
- Who am I because of who God is and what He's done in my life?
- Where do you see evidence for the Trinity in this text? What does it mean for us?
- How does marriage reflect our union with Christ?
- How does believing the love God has for us affect our love for our brothers and sisters?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 John 4:12
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- Romans 5:5
- Romans 8:16
- 1 John 3:19,20

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:

- **-Our first Faith Training Class, "Jonah Was a Prophet", will be August 27th after 2nd service! Register online! Cost is \$10 to cover lunch expenses. Scholarships are available!**
- **-SAVE THE DATE for our SUMMER PICNIC on Sunday, August 13th! We will have one indoor service at 10am with outdoor baptisms, lunch and fun to follow!**
- **-Mark your calendars for our "Back to School Prayer Walk! Let's meet at FCC at 6:30pm and go to the schools to pray before the school year kicks off! All are welcome! Register online!**