

**DATE:** January 28th, 2024

**TITLE:** The Sermon on the Mount

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:1-5

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** What was/currently is the hardest habit you ever had to break?

**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 5:1-5

1. What is the most memorable speech/sermon you ever heard? Why?
2. Are you familiar with sermon on the mount? If so, what is one part that has stuck out to you?
3. Every person has a standard. What standards do most people hold?
4. Do you think most people are aware of the standard they are applying? How does that work out?
5. What is the standard for the Christian? Why?
6. What does Jesus mean by poor in spirit?
7. Why is it important for believers to recognize their need?
8. Why is it important to grieve over sin?
9. How are the promises in the beatitudes to affect us?
10. How might we apply those promises more effectively in our lives?

## 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:**

- Ladies Night: Ladies 12+ are invited to the church on Saturday, February 3rd for a night of food, worship, fellowship, and to listen to a guest speaker. Cost is \$10, register online by TOMORROW, January 30th!
- SAVE THE DATE! Our next Covenant Member Meeting will be on Sunday, February 11th immediately following 2nd service! Bring a dish to share!
- SIGN UPS: CHAOS Meals and D6 Snacks! Our sign ups are pretty empty. Have your small group sign up to sponsor a meal this year! Sign up online!