

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

DATE: April 12, 2026

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

TITLE: Jesus vs Hypocrisy Part 2

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 23:13-36

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Would you rather have a house that looks like a mansion on the outside but is falling apart on the inside, OR a house that looks like a shack on the outside but is a luxury palace on the inside?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read the scripture for today

1. What does Jesus mean by the word "Woe"?
2. What should Christians do when they find themselves in hypocrisy?
3. What are some ways you can tell real Christianity from hypocritical religion?
4. Why does Jesus refer to the scribes and Pharisees as blind?
5. How can hypocrisy blind us today?
6. What is the difference between a hypocrite and a Christian when it comes to approaching the bible?
7. Read John 3:3 and Ephesians 2:4-5. How can we deal with the uncleanness on the inside of the cup?
8. Why do the Pharisees refuse to come to Jesus?
9. How are Jesus' words in this passage an act of mercy?
10. How should Christians respond to this text?

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:

Hebrews 1:8 - But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

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

-SECRET CHURCH - April 17th

Faith Community is excited to be hosting Secret Church, a focused night of intense Bible study, urgent prayer, and sacrificial giving for the persecuted church as we desire to see Jesus made known in the places around the world where He is not known yet. Register online to join this event!

-YOUTH MEALS

Looking for ways to serve as a small group before summer hits? Consider sponsoring a meal for our youth group by either purchasing items for one week from the pantry list, or signing up for a slot to serve. Signups can be found on the website: www.fccnr.org/youthministry