

DATE: October 20, 2024

TITLE: The Narrow Gate

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:13-14

SPEAKER: Peter Bergeson

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Have you or a family member ever jumped a fence? If so, why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 7:7-12

1. What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture **as it was taught this week?**
2. What in this text caught your attention?
3. What does this text tell us about God?
4. What does this text tell us about ourselves/mankind?
5. What is the Christ Connection?
6. What should our response be 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 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."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE FOR OCTOBER:

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live..."

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.

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 on the events tab of the website.

- Save the Date
 - October 21: GriefShare Info Night at 6pm
 - Oct 25th: Men's Wild Game and Games Night at 6:30pm
 - Oct 26th: Women's Regressive Dinner
 - October 27th: Coffee Hour during Sunday School Hour
 - October 30th: Trunk or Treat Event
 - November 3: New Session of Sunday School and Small Group Books
 - DON'T FORGET TO DONATE NEW PILLOWS TO FCC FOR GRACE PLACE IN OCTOBER