

DATE: October 22, 2023

TITLE: The Word

SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Discuss different ways that you get into the Word throughout the week. What are your personal routines?

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 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. Describe a time in your life that you had a craving for the word of God?
2. What are some authorities, other than the Bible, that people follow?
3. Why is the word of God our authority? Why is God being our authority a blessing?
4. Why are there so many attacks on the word of God?
5. Why are we tempted to ignore parts of the Bible? What parts are you tempted to ignore?
6. How does our understanding of Scripture affect the way we conduct ourselves in the workplace, in our conversations with our friends, or in our interactions with our families?
7. What message does your life give about the Bible?
8. How is the word of God necessary for salvation? (Leader's Note: This is the gospel question. The Bible is important because Jesus is important. It's through the Bible that we come to know Jesus. Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.")

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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:

- Small Groups: we need volunteers to sign up to provide SNACKS for our D6 students on Sunday nights! Please ask your group or individuals to sign up on the church website (look for D6 Snacks under the events tab) to sign up for a week!
- CHAOS is launching on November 1st! If you have any interest in serving our Youth on Wednesday nights, there are many different roles we need filled. There is an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 25th at 6pm! Come join us! More info online!