

**DATE:** February 11, 2024

**TITLE:** Blessed in the Kingdom

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:8-12

**SPEAKER:** Peter Bergeson

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** Tell about a time when you had to break up a fight or help resolve an argument.

**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 5:8-12

1. Is "pure in heart" the same as sinless perfection? (vs 8)
2. What does it mean to "see God?"
3. What is a peacemaker? (vs 9)
  - a. What is it not?
  - b. How does it differ from a "peaceful person?"
4. What does it mean to be called "sons of God?"
5. How is it possible to rejoice in persecution? (vs 12)
6. If Jesus said his followers would be persecuted (John 15:20), why is it that many face little of it?
7. Is the kind of person described in the Beatitudes admired or disdained in our society?

## 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."

## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
**Isaiah 43:2-3a**

## 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:**

- 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!
- Ignite Youth Conference: It's not just for the youth! If you enjoy working with kids, and want to learn more about how to disciple them, we encourage adults to attend! Grades 8-12 are invited! More information and sign-up are online!
- Not yet a member of Faith Community Church? Register online to take our membership class on February 13th!
- FCC Hudson has invited us to join them for a weekend Christian Parenting Conference on February 23 and 24th. More information and sign-up can be found online.