

DATE: October 29th, 2023

TITLE: Prayer

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4:2-4

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FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is the first (or one of the first) prayers you ever remember praying?

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 Colossians 4:2-4

1. What would you say to someone that said they didn't pray because they didn't want to bother God?
2. How is Christian prayer different from all other kinds of prayer?
3. How does a right view of God affect our prayer life? What about God makes you want to pray? Why?
4. Why is your private prayer life a test of your spiritual integrity?
5. If God were to answer everyone of your prayer requests from this last week with "yes," Would anything be different? Who's kingdom would be more effected? God's or yours? Why do you think that is?
6. Why does the Bible stress the importance of corporate prayer? Why do you think so many churches don't pray together?
7. What is one way you could improve your prayer life as an individual or with your family or with your church?

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 meet 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. Email Matt Tuinstra at matt.tuinstra@homeforever.org to see how you can serve!