

**DATE:** April 28, 2024

**TITLE:** "And When You Pray..."

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 6:5-8

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** Talk about a time someone prayed for/with you and how it impacted you.

**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 6:5-8

1. Why do you think Christians struggle to pray? What have you struggled to pray in your life?
2. How did the culture of Jesus day see prayer?
3. How does our world see prayer today?
4. How does Jesus' instructions on prayer radical for both then and now?
5. Does praying always guarantee what you get what you want?
6. Does God hear all prayers the same way? (This question is meant to help you get to the gospel.)
7. **PLEASE SPEND THE REMAINING TIME IN PRAYER AS A SMALL GROUP**

## 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:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

## 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:

- Faith Community Church invites Ladies ages 5+ to join us on Saturday, May 11th from 10:00am-noon for a tea party! This is a great outreach event! Formal invites are available at the Connection Point to hand out to neighbors and friends! Register online!
- Covenant Members are invited to join us on Sunday, May 5th for our quarterly meeting! Bring a dish to share if you are able, meet our newest covenant members, catch up on all the ways God has blessed us here at FCC, and enjoy this time of fellowship! We hope to see you there!
- Senior Sunday is May 19th! If you have a child graduating from High School this year, please register online to be part of this wonderful morning of praying for your children, celebrating their accomplishments, and sending them off as a church.