

**DATE:** June 9, 2024

**TITLE:** Kingdom Christianity

**SCRIPTURE:** Nehemiah 1:1-11

**SPEAKER:** Patrick Mostek

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** What is the best summer vacation/trip you ever went on?

**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 Nehemiah 1:1-11

1. How could Isaiah have predicted the release of the people of Israel through Cyrus over 100 years before it happened? What does this tell you about God? What does this tell you about God's word?
2. In the sermon Pastor Patrick mentioned that everything Nehemiah does is saturated and shaped by the Bible. How can we seek to saturate our lives and actions in the Bible?
3. Why was Nehemiah so grieved by the state of Jerusalem and particularly something like the walls of the city?
4. Why does Nehemiah fast? What godly desire has caused you to fast in your life?
5. What does it tell us that Nehemiah prays before taking any other action? Is this our pattern and practice? If not, why not?
6. Why do you think Nehemiah starts his prayer with God?
7. Why was it important that Nehemiah repents of his sin as well as the sin of his nation?
8. Where do you see Kingdom priorities in your own life? Has God given you a kingdom burden?
9. Nehemiah leverages his comfortable position for the sake of the kingdom of God. How can we leverage our advantages for the kingdom today?
10. What does Nehemiah's whole prayer hinge upon? How are our prayers similar today?  
(Answer: a covenant relationship with God as His people. This question is meant to get to our privilege in the gospel. As Christians, we too are in a covenant relationship with God, the New Covenant.)

## 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 FOR JUNE:

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty... Exodus 34:6-7a

## 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 Rebuild! Save the Date for Friday, July 26th and Saturday, July 27th for Faith Rebuild. We will have the opportunity to help Sonshine Learning Center transfer from our facility to their beautiful new facility in town. There will be many jobs requiring many hands. Let's bless them as a church family! Sign-ups and more info coming in the next few weeks!
- Men: Join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 15th! Stick around after and help our trustees with some landscaping projects! Register online!
- Ladies: Join us for an overnight Glamping Event here at FCC on June 21-22! More info and registration is online!