

DATE: September 24th, 2023

TITLE: HOPE SERIES: Hope In Between

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:3-9

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

September Memory Verse:
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Can you share something that is unfinished in your life right now? How does it feel to be in between the start and the finish?

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 1 Peter 1:3-9
- How does Peter describe the people he is writing to in 1 Peter 1:3?
- Who is the cause of the new birth?
- Why did God cause us to be born again?
- It's true that every material thing we possess will end up in the dump or at somebody's garage sale. How does our inheritance in Christ compare?
- How do God's work in saving and our faith intersect?
- How does God work even now in our faith so we won't lose it?
- What has Jesus already finished and what is yet to be finished?
- How do we build hope while living in between His comings?
- What does living hope look like?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 Peter 3:15
- Acts 3:21
- 1 Corinthians 13:7
- Revelation 22:12-14
- John 1:11-13

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:

- We are excited to announce that our Covenant Members unanimously voted "YES" to Pastor Patrick Mostek becoming our new Lead Pastor here at FCC. He and his family will be here early October and he will start preaching on the 15th. Praise God!
- Our Baptism, Covenant Membership, and Child Dedication Orientations are all on the events tab of the website. If you are interested in participating in any of them, please register online!
- Ladies Day: Ladies, join us on October 14th for a fun day of Christian Living classes! Register online! Cost is \$30.