

DATE: August 27th, 2023

TITLE: HOPE: God's Plan for Us

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 29:1-14

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: You have one carry-on size bag to pack for a sudden evacuation. What will you include?

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 Jeremiah 29:1-14**
- What uncertain future are the people of God facing in Jeremiah's time?
- How does God tell the exiles to live in a foreign land ruled by godless leaders?
- What is God warning the exiles to be aware of?
- What is God's promise to them?
- How is Jeremiah 29:11 often taken out of its context and misapplied by Christians?
- What do you learn about who God is in this text?
- What is God doing?
- What is God asking you to do?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Romans 15:13
- Romans 8:23-25
- Romans 15:4
- Psalm 62:5-6

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:

-Sep 10th | 6:30pm - Invite your friends & neighbors and join us on a journey to South Asia with Justin Thomas as he shares his inspirational life story of receiving the first gift of his lifetime, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

-SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, September 17th will be our annual Ministry Fair as well as our next Cov't Meeting... The whole church is welcome to join us!

-We are looking for people to join our "Special Events Team". This team will be who we reach out to first to help with set up and tear down, serve meals. or whatever special events we have coming up! Register online or at the Connection Point.