

DATE: June 30, 2024

TITLE: All Hands On Deck

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 3

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: When and where is the last time you served/volunteered?

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 3

1. What did you think of how Pastor Patrick explained fellowship? How does that affect how we interact as a church?
2. Why did Patrick say the faith comes before service?
3. What is the relationship between faith and service?
4. What do you think of the church as a gospel community and conversion, baptism, communion, membership and serving as a visible gospel line? What Bible verses could you use to back up your opinion?
5. In the sermon Pastor Patrick said, "Every believer is called to serve God as part of God's people" Is that still true today? What would change if every Christian was convinced of this point? Where would you go in the Bible to substantiate your opinion?
6. How does our motivation affect our actions when it comes to serving? What should be our motivation for serving?
7. Have you ever seen someone serve with obvious humility? What did you notice?
8. In the sermon Pastor Patrick said, "So often we miss out on serving God because we have far too big a view of ourselves and the importance of our lives and schedules. And far too small a view of God. And we expect God to appreciate that we managed to fit him into our hectic schedules." Have you seen this? How would you counsel a Christian friend who never has time to serve the Lord?

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 registration is OPEN and we are so excited to start the exciting process of helping Sunshine get settled into their beautiful new facility and start the process of transforming the "E-Wing" (Education Wing). Register you and your family online to join us for this kick-off weekend!
- VBS Registration is also open! Go to the events tab of the website to register your kids, register to volunteer, or see how you can donate supplies to this great outreach event!