

DATE: March 10, 2024

TITLE: Just Beneath the Surface

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:27-30

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Who in your group can recite the 10 commandments from memory?
Can you come up with them as a group?

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 5:27-30

1. What did you think of the rules for interpreting the commandments? (the greater to lesser rule, the negative- positive rule, the Whole-Man Principal.)
2. Why does Jesus care about what is going on in our hearts and minds? Why is it a sin if we don't act on it?
3. In the sermon, Patrick said, "Whenever we fall, we only fall into the depths of our own heart." Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think Jesus mentions hell so much in this portion of the sermon on the mount? What role, if any, does thinking about hell have in the life of a disciple?
5. What do you think of the methods Patrick mentioned for making war on your sin? Did he leave any out?
6. Why are the promises of God so vital for fighting temptation? What promises do you regularly hold on to?
7. Oftentimes our response to our sin is to isolate ourselves and hide? Why is that? What does the Bible say we should do?
8. How can the church come around fallen Christians who are struggling?
9. How is the gospel necessary for the fight against sin?

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:

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
Matthew 22:37-39

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:

- SIGN UPS: CHAOS Meals and D6 Snacks! Have your small group sign up to sponsor a meal or donate snacks this year! Sign up online!
- Not yet a member of Faith Community Church? Register online to take our membership classes on March 14th or April 13th!
- Baptism Orientation is next Sunday! Sign-up online if you would like to take this step!
- Men's Night: Saturday, March 16th at 7pm! Come for food and games! Register online!
- Members of FCC: Please be sure to update your directory profile. Thank you!