

DATE: August 20th, 2023

TITLE: For Your Joy: For Sure Certain

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5:13-21

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What do you know for certain in your life? Give one word response.
What do you know for certain that will never change?

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 John 5:13-21**
- What is it that John tells us we can know now?
- Do you hope you have eternal life? What does John want for you?
- Why does John immediately talk about boldness in prayer after assurance of eternal life?
- How can we believe we have received our requests if it must be according to His will?
- In 1 John 5:16-17 reveal what God's will is for our brothers and sisters when they sin?
- Who could John be talking about that are participating in sin that leads to death?
- Can we be certain we will overcome sin and Satan? How?
- In verse 20 John uses a different word for "know" that refers to a personal, experiential knowing. The verb used indicates a continuous and progressive knowing. What does this mean to you?
- We face what we can't know for certain by what we do know. Is it possible to have joy in this life without "knowing" some things for certain?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1 John 5:12
- 1 John 1
- Mark 11:22-24
- Matthew 7:21-23
- John 15

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:

-Our first Faith Training Class, "Jonah Was a Prophet", will be August 27th after 2nd service! Register online! Cost is \$10 to cover lunch expenses. Scholarships are available!

-All are invited to our back to school prayer walk. We will be gathering on Sunday, August 27th at the church at 6:30 to go and pray at our area schools before classes resume for the year.

-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!