

**DATE:** September 10th, 2023

**TITLE:** HOPE: Fighting For Hope

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 42 & 43

**SPEAKER:** Dave Mobley

# FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

## OPENING PRAYER

**ICE BREAKER:** Do you ever choose to listen to sad songs? Why?  
Or, do you spend more time listening to yourself or talking to yourself?

**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 Psalm 42 & 43
- When do you tend to listen to sad songs? Would you describe Psalm 42 as a sad song or a hopeful song?
- List the external circumstances the psalmist was facing and the internal emotions.
- How do you see the psalmist's faith, even while feeling forgotten by God?
- What is involved in preaching hope to yourself?
- What can you do to fight for hope when feeling hopeless?

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Psalm 42,43
- Proverbs 25:20
- Psalm 62:5
- Psalm 147:11
- Romans 8:31,32

## 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:

- Sunday, September 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. Register Online
- Sunday, September 17th will be our annual Ministry Fair as well as our next Covenant Meeting... The whole church is welcome to join us!
- We have several Faith Training Classes kicking off soon! Check out the events tab of the website to learn more and to register!