

DATE: November 5th, 2023

TITLE: Holiness

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:9-12

SPEAKER: Patrick Mostek

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What is your favorite holiday and why?

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 Peter 2:9-12

1. What is holiness?
2. What is the difference between God's holiness and the holiness of a believer?
3. What do you think of the phrase "preach the gospel and if necessary use words?" Are our actions sufficient to preach the gospel? Why or why not?
4. What does it mean to be a member of a chosen people and a royal priesthood?
5. How can we reflect that in our personal lives?
6. How does our unity with the body of Christ reflect our roles as a chosen people and a royal priesthood?
7. How does holiness cost a Christian today in New Richmond?
8. What is one thing you know you should beware in the pursuit of holiness?
9. What is one way you can pursue becoming more holy?
10. What part does judgment day play in the holiness of a believer?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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:

- Small Groups: we need volunteers to sign up to provide SNACKS for our D6 students on Sunday nights! Please ask your group or individuals to sign up on the church website (look for D6 Snacks under the events tab) to sign up for a week!
- CHAOS: If you have any interest in serving our Youth on Wednesday nights, there are a few roles we need filled yet. Email Matt Tuinstra at matt.tuinstra@homeforever.org to see how you can serve!