

DATE: June 18th, 2023

TITLE: Series: For Your Joy
Run the Race

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 2:18-27

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What would you change in your life (what would you start doing or stop doing) if you were convinced that Jesus was coming soon?

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 2:18-27

- When did the "last days" begin and when do they end?
- How do Daniel, Paul, and John refer to the antichrist in the following passages: Daniel 11:31,12:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; and Revelation 13:1-10?
- John refers to a group that "did not continue (abide) with us." Why did those folks leave the church? What had changed regarding the truth about who Christ is and what He accomplished?
- Have you encountered teaching that was appealing but later was exposed as false to Christ?
- Can a church body affirm the truth about Jesus and the gospel but emphasize lesser things?
- What proofs does John give to the church that remained?
- What promise does John give to those who keep running the race?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matthew 13:24-30;36-43.
2 John 8,9
1 Peter 1:20
Mark 13:13
2 Timothy 3:1-9
John 10:27-29
Jude 1

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:

-We need all hands on deck for our Fun Fest Food Booth this year!!!

Sign up online for a time slot to serve!

-The VBS sign up is also available online. Check it out to see how you can serve our little church this summer.

-Join us for a night of prayer and worship on Sunday, July 9th at 6PM.