



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: January 19, 2003

Women's Ministry is having a special guest speaker on abortion. February 3rd, 6:30pm at Calvary Baptist - home of The ROCK Academy. All ladies invited! Please bring a friend. It will be a very impactful night. See the Women's Ministry table for more information or email kristins@therocksandiego.org.

ROCK West Leadership Meeting: Monday, January 27 at OB Woman's Club, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in growing as a leader is welcome! For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Melissak@therocksandiego.org or ext. 242.

ROCK Central/East Leadership Meeting: Mark your calendar to join us for the evening of Wednesday, January 29 (Location TBA). We will be sharing some changes taking place in 2003, so your presence would be appreciated. Feel free to bring your Small Group! For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact Melissak@therocksandiego.org or ext. 242.

Parteh Time! Hey Small Groupers, The ROCK turns three next month and we want to CELEBRATE!!! If you and your Small Group can help our Sunday team prepare for our anniversary, contact ValerieK@therocksandiego.org or at 858.455.7625 x262.

Title: Prayer Smack Down

MEMORY VERSE: "I will not let you go until you bless me." Genesis 32:26

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Jacob was alone with God when he wrestled with him. (**Gn 32:22-31**) When was the last time you were *truly* alone with God? (**Ps 84:2**) Before you answer, alone means no distractions, no time obligations, and focusing completely and solely on God. (**Dt 4:29**) Be honest, if it has been a while, have someone hold you accountable to spending "alone" time with God. (Facilitators: If you don't have accountability partners in your Group, make sure your Group spends some time praying and picking partners!)
2. Smack down prayer leaves a permanent mark on your life. Look at your life and take inventory on the "marks" that prayer has left on your life (job, relationships, salvation). If you do not see or remember anything, maybe you are not serious about prayer. Step up into a supernatural life of prayer, and watch what God is able to do through your persistent prayers (**Luke 18:1-5**).
3. What do you want your name to be? God changed Jacobs name to Israel. (**Gn 32:28**) Moses was "The most humble man in the world". What do you want to be called: faithful, humble, man or woman of God...or never prays, prideful, deceitful?
4. If you are going to pray (**1 Thes 5:17**), pray for a miracle...not just something that you are capable of doing. Keep in mind that you may think something is impossible, but it is always "HIMpossible". (**James 1:6**) Think of a time that you prayed for the impossible only to have it turn out "HIMpossible".

CLOSER WALK (John)

1. The Jewish leaders enjoyed their "place of importance," but when the attention began to focus on Jesus instead of them, what were they afraid of? (**Jn 11:48**) Has that ever been a personal issue with you?
2. The religious rulers loved _____ (**Jn 12:43**) Pilate wanted to _____ (**Mk 15:15**).
Who's opinion and approval is **most** important to you?

HOMEWORK

PRAY for two or three individuals that you can invite to the Billy Graham Crusade May 8-11!!!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11