



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: February 9, 2003

ROCK West: Join us as we welcome Dr. Chapin Marsh for this month's Leadership Gathering, Monday, February 17 at Ocean Beach Woman's Club, 7:00 P.M. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact melissak@therocksandiego.org

ROCK East: Mark your calendar! We will be meeting Tuesday, February 25 at San Diego First Assembly, 8404 Phyllis Pl. in the Chapel at 7:00. For more information, or to R.S.V.P., contact melissak@therocksandiego.org

Title: Forgiving Freedom

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. "

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Think of someone that you need to forgive. This does not mean that you have to like them, or that you approve of what they did...but that you are forgiving them as God has forgiven you (**1 John 1:9, Psalm 86:5**). You want God to forgive you for ALL of the sins that you commit, but are you willing to forgive others for all of the sins they commit against you? (**Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:25-26**) What are some reasons (excuses) you have for not forgiving this person? Are any of these reasons "legitimate"? (**Luke 6:37**)
2. Once you are sold into sin, you are owned by the penalty. (**Jeremiah 17:9**) You will reap what you sow (**Galatians 6:7**). Take inventory of the sin that you may have allowed into your life. What damage is this sin causing in your life, your relationships, your work? Confess that sin! (**Psalm 32:5, Proverbs 28:13**) Give it to the Lord and trust that He is able to get you through this. Share with your accountability partner, and have them hold you accountable in the areas of your life that you are struggling with sin. (**James 5:16**)
3. In the sermon, Miles spoke about three components of true repentance. Can you name them? Why is it important to have a repentant heart when discussing our own sin? (**2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 3:19, 2 Peter 3:9**) Does someone have to have a repentant heart for you to forgive them of something they did to you?

CLOSER WALK (Acts)

1. A part of Saul's rise in impact was his immediate action to do something in **Acts 10**. Can you find it? Can you and or your Group prove that Jesus is the Christ by just using the Old Testament? That is all Saul had to use. Got skills?
2. Did Cornelius and his family respond to an 'altar call' in **Acts 10**? See **Romans 10:9-10**. What do you learn from this? When did they get saved? Does one have to 'come forward' to be saved? In light of **Acts 10:28** and **9:1-2**, is anyone in your life outside the possibility of coming to faith?
3. In **Acts 13:1-2**, what were Barnabas and Saul doing when the Holy Spirit 'called them' to the first missionary work? Note to whom their teaching and preaching was done unto - See **1 Corinthians 10:31**.

HOMEWORK

Spend some time in prayer this week and ask God to show you who you need to forgive, or who you need to go to and ask for forgiveness. Take the time this week to call or write to the person that God has put on your heart. Have your accountability partner check up on you at the end of the week!

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11