



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: June 15, 2003

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ROCK University Upcoming Events: Catalina Island Weekend, **June 27-29**, Faith Class/ Wilderness Trip at Hume Lake, **September 13-19**, and Grand Tour to Israel, **November 9-22**.

For more information, contact Octavia Jarmin at octaviaj@therocksandiego.org or ext 239.

ROCK South: Meeting **Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 – 9:30 A.M.** at Iglesia Bethel, 1200 E 8th St., National City

Title: A Father's Love

MEMORY VERSE: For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. **Luke 19:10**

SERMON REFLECTIONS

- 1) On Sunday, we learned about 8 characteristics of a Shepard, which are really characteristics of God. Read **Luke 15:1-7**, then discuss the questions below.
 - a. The Fathers love is patient. Define the word patient. How often can we stray and have God come looking for us? Are you patient? (**Matt 18:21-22, Rom 12:12, 1 Thes 5:14**)
 - b. The Fathers love is proactive. Define the word proactive. A Shepherd will proactively pursue the sheep that are lost. Do you proactively search out those who need to know Christ? (**Lk 19:10**)
 - c. The Fathers love is available to everyone. (**Jn 3:16**) Are you selective in who you share Gods love with? Is there someone in your life that God has been telling you to share with, and you have not?
 - d. The Father knows His sheep. Shepherds are experts in tracking their sheep. God knows our sins - all of them. Do you need to repent of anything to be right with Him? (**Mt 10:28-31**)
 - e. The Fathers love is self-sacrificing. (**Mk 10:45, Jn 3:16**) What does self-sacrificing mean? Gods example in loving us is our example for loving others. Are you sacrificing as God sacrificed? (**Mk 10:45**)
 - f. The Fathers love is provisional. God provides all that we need to make it home. (**1 Cor 10:13**). Do you trust Him for all areas of your life? Are there any areas you need to submit to Him? (**1 Cor 10:13**)
 - g. The Fathers love is protective. How is God protective? Can you describe an example in your life where God protected you? (**Jn 21:15-17, Gal 6:1-2**)
 - h. The Fathers love rejoices over second chances. Praise God for second chances!!! Why would God constantly give us second chances? When do we run out of chances? (**Lk 15:10**)

CLOSER WALK

1. Read **1 Tim 4:12 – 16**. What examples are we supposed to be setting? What gift has been imparted to you? Verse 15 says to "*meditate on these things*" - it implies importance. What do you think Paul is referring to?
2. Read **1 Tim 5:17-25** What Items in this passage apply to us here at The ROCK?
3. Read **1 Tim 6:11-21** What are the things we should be pursuing? What are the things we should be fighting for? Are you involved in pursuing these things and fighting for these items?

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Announcements

Got skills? Skills that bring order, see details, and would bless others? The ROCK Administrative Team needs your help! If you have free time a few hours a week that you can help our Small Groups, Worship, or Youth Ministry with data entry, phone calls, and other office duties, we would be blessed to have you! To volunteer or intern with our staff, please contact melissak@therocksandiego.org or ext. 242.

Calendar of Events:

- **ROCK South** – Meeting **Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 – 9:30 A.M.** at Iglesia Bethel, 1200 E 8th St., National City.
- **ROCK North** – Meeting **Friday, June 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.** (location TBA)
- **Attention All Ladies!** If you're anywhere from 16 to 100 years old, plan to join us for a "Girls Weekend Away" at Murrieta Hot Springs **August 15-17! Registration begins June 29**, cost is \$139.00. Begin saving now and invite your Small Group and your friends!

ROCK University, welcomes everyone at the ROCK to participate in some exciting upcoming events. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

- **Catalina Island Weekend**, June 27-29th. A weekend of fellowship, kayaking, hiking, camping, solitude, bonfire, and much more.
- **Hume Lake**, September 13-19th. Faith Class/ Wilderness Trip. In the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains. Enjoy a week of hiking, camping, & especially increasing your faith.
- **Grand Tour to Israel**, November 9-22nd. A 14 day adventure to the beautiful city of Jerusalem and surrounding towns. Walking through the Bible and experiencing where our faith began. For more information, contact octaviaj@therocksandiego.org or ext 239.
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