

## SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: November 9, 2003

**Week of Prayer has moved!!!** Monday through Thursday we will be meeting at Calvary Baptist Linda Vista (6866 Linda Vista Rd.) from 7 – 9 PM. Friday night we will be meeting at Liberty Station. Contact [suzannel@therocksandiego.org](mailto:suzannel@therocksandiego.org) or x. 230 for more information

**Celebration Sunday is in next week!** Remember, we will be having just two services at Cox Arena on Sunday, November 16, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM. Use your pledge card as a reminder to be praying over what God would have you commit to for np3!

**TITLE: “Rise Up and Build Part 8, WRRRRRD, Nehemiah 8**

**MEMORY VERSE:** Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Colossians 4:5

### SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Spend some time reviewing and defining each of the “I must” statements from the sermon. Which of the statements is easiest for you to agree with and do? Which “I must” point do you struggle with the most? Why?
2. If we all did what God has called us to do, how would San Diego look different?

### PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE: Purpose #4: You Were Shaped for Serving God

1. Do you know what your gifts and talents are? (Take a few minutes to take the Spiritual Gifts Test if you don't know) How are you using your gifts and talents to serve others? What do you *love* to do that you could use to serve others in the family of God?
2. To be a servant you must move against your fears. You were not saved *by* service, but you were saved *for* service. What personal fears keep you from accepting God's all to serve Him at the Rock?
3. In Philippians 2, Paul gives us additional insight as to how we should respond as a servant. How does Paul tell us we are to imitate Christ's heart and actions as we serve the needs of others? (Philippians 2:1-7)
4. What can we learn from the example Timothy and Epaphroditus provide in Philippians 2:19-30?
5. As a group, take a few minutes to discuss a project or ministry that you can do together to meet a need at the Rock. (The Great Thanksgiving Banquet outreach, Toys for Joy, Bread of Life)

### PRAYER TIME

Break into prayer partners. Begin by thanking God for not passing you by in your time of need, and confess any selfishness that has kept you from seeing and meeting needs. Ask God to show you what ministry you can be part of and what action steps you can take this week. Lastly, praise Him for all he has done at the Rock through this study and seek His direction for your Small Group after The Purpose Driven Life study ends.

## Spiritual Growth November 10-14

**Scripture Reflection:** Read Nehemiah 9

*“Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. The Book of the Law of the LORD their God was read aloud to them for about three hours. Then for three more hours they took turns confessing their sins and worshiping the LORD their God.”* Nehemiah 9:1-4

There is no power like that of prevailing prayer. It turns ordinary mortals into men of power. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings life. It brings God.” Samuel Chadwick

**Sacrifice:** Fast (one meal, every meal) and participate in the np3, 40 days of Purpose and Prayer, week of prayer.

### ***God, who fills the heaven and earth with His glory, we pray...***

- That this week of Prayer would bring forth the Word, which would bring repentance and praise.
- People would attend the Week of Prayer and not allow the enemy to discourage them or fill their week with busy-ness.
- That the celebration event on Sunday, November 16 will be an incredibly joyful time of testimonies praising You for Your works in our lives, groups, and marriages during this np3 40 days of Prayer and Purpose.
- For our np3 Campaign Director and teams to accomplish everything through His power, strength and glory.
- That each person who is touched by His grace during this week of prayer would remember to give all the praise and glory to God – where it belongs.
- That when others ask about the change in our lives we will share God’s word with them.