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1. Announcements

- a. **Married Couples Retreat** - It is official, the Rock Marriage Retreat is coming on July 9-11. The cost will be \$250 Per Couple. Please Register Sunday at the Married Couples table, or visit the website at: <http://www.therocksandiego.org/marriageretreat>
- b. **Small Group Training** - Please plan to attend the next Small group training on June 27th. This is for anyone who is considering stepping up into a Facilitator, Apprentice or Host position in the Small Group ministry.
- c. **Sunday Altar Call** - As you may have noticed, many people have come forward over the past couple of weeks. As a Facilitator, we may need you to help counsel or pray with people. If you are unsure about what this entails, we have attached a quick summary of Altar Call training. Please read this document, and come forward to help when needed. This is one of the most important aspects of our church.
- d. **Are you being called to full time ministry?** The Rock is looking to grow the Small Group staff. Send your resume to melissak@therocksandiego.org.
- e. **Men's BBQ and Paintball.** Saturday June 26 at 25 Browns Road in Alpine. Cost will be \$25 for BBQ and Paintball. Sign up at Men's Table on Sunday or contact Kevin Rachford for more information: 858-226-7625 EXT: 321 OR kevin@rachford.us
- f. **2004 Women's Retreat.** August 13-15, 2004 at Murrieta Hot Springs with Guest Speaker, Judy Hampton. The cost will be \$150 for the weekend. REGISTRATION IN MINISTRY ALLEY EVERY SUNDAY! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Tammi Gastineau at tammi@webelement.ws or Julie Gross at julie.gross@pfizer.com
- g. **The Rock Academy Remodel project** - We are going to remodel the entryway, two bathrooms and paint some classrooms at the Rock Academy on June 14-19. How do you see yourself getting involved? We need labor and materials. Contractors, plumbers, painters, carpet or tile layers, willing servants. Any help will be appreciated by the kids and parents. If you wish to assist that week, please email or call Richard Andujo: richarda@therockacademy.org or call 858.945.6043.
- h. **Moms at Home Ministry - Family Day** - 2nd Annual Family Barbecue! Saturday June 26 at Crown Point, starts at 10:00am. Food will be Potluck style (bring your own meat). Please RSVP to 619-226-7625 X313 or 619-726-9921.

2. Memory Verse

1 Samuel 14:6b - "Perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."

3. Discussion Questions

1. What was the significance of Saul's army not having swords? (**1 Sam 13:16-23**)
 - a. The Canaanites and the Philistines learned how to forge iron from the Hittites. By the end of David's reign, the Israelites had also acquired iron technology. (**1 Chr 22:3**)
 - i. The Canaanites (**Gen 10:18-19**) were in possession of part of the land that God promised Abraham (**Gen 15:21, Ex 3:8**). How would this be different if the Israelites had done what God said, and completely driven the Canaanites out of the land?



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- 1) What has God told you to do in the past that would have completely changed your life today had you obeyed? Why does this seem to be a difficult lesson to learn?
2. In **1 Sam 14:1** we read about Jonathan and his armor bearer planning to go to the Philistine army, yet not telling Saul, Jonathan's father.
 - a. Why did Jonathan not tell his father of his plans?
 - b. In your estimation, what would have happened, had he told his father?
 - c. If your fifteen year old son or daughter was to read this passage, how would you counsel them as to its application in their life today? As a parent, do you believe this kind of faith is to be rewarded, or scolded today?
3. In **1 Sam 14:6**, Jonathan tells his young armor bearer that "nothing restrains the Lord from saving, by many or by few."
 - a. How would you apply this verse to your life today? Is there anything that God cannot do?
4. Discuss the faith of the armor bearer and his response in **1 Sam 14:7**.
 - a. This is the way we need to be with God, we need to follow Him with our heart, our soul and our mind. Discuss what this looks like to Christians today.
 - i. Jonathan and his armor bearer had a relationship. Do you have this same kind of relationship with God? With your spouse? With your family or friends?
 1. How much different would the church be today if we took time to build relationships like this?
 2. In light of this discussion, why is it so important that EVERYONE in our church is involved in Small Groups?
 - ii. This is the kind of response that we need to receive from the people in our lives. What do we need to do to get this from others? Remember, we cannot demand it, we have to earn it. How would we earn this?
5. In **1 Sam 14:8**, Jonathan reveals his plan.
 - a. At this point, can we tell if God told him, or is he making this up as he goes along?
 - b. How can we tell if it is God speaking to us, or if it is "something" else? Here is the generic counseling response to that question:
 - i. Can you write down what you are hearing? (**Habakkuk 2:2**)
 - ii. Does it line up with Scripture? (**Hebrews 13:8** - God is the same, he would never tell you anything contrary to His word)
6. The rubber meets the road (**1 Sam 14:12-14**)
 - a. Did the armor bearer hesitate?
 - b. What weapons did the armor bearer have to fight with?
 - c. How important was the armor bearer in this scenario?
 - i. Do we discount someone because they might not appear to be useful or have everything we think they will need to help us?
7. Leadership lessons learned from Jonathan.
 - a. Who cast the vision, and then passionately shared it?
 - b. Who had the faith to charge forward and hike up the mountain to the Philistines first?
 - c. Who was the first into battle, setting the pace?
 - d. What would Jonathan look like in today's society?
 - e. What can you learn from Jonathan and apply to your life today?
8. Discuss the following statement, "Very rarely do you see God act without man doing something to prompt it." (**Exodus 14**-Moses step into water; **Luke 9:10-17** - brought him fish and loaves)
 - a. What implications does this have on your life today?



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Altar Call Training for Facilitators

Why are They Coming Forward? (So you can help them SPECIFICALLY)

First Step:

1. Introduce Yourself
2. Questions To Ask
 - a. Why did you come forward today/tonight?
 - b. What is your decision?

Depending on their response you need to be **crystal clear** if they are trusting in Jesus Christ or not. Asking them if they are a Christian, saved, ect... means nothing. Whatever way is best for you to find out if they are trusting in Jesus is your first step of how to help them.

If they just **received Christ** do not assume they know what they just did. Many are very emotional and really do not understand the salvation message and the cost of following Christ. Explain it to them very clearly!

Please give them:

- 21-Jump: inside is foundation flier and response card. Please push foundation class.
- Fill out response card front and back!

If you are sure they are saved then proceed to help them with **rededication** by:

- Stating that most Christians are living the Christian life in their own energy/effort/ability. (Gal 2:20)
- **Results:** Frustration, lack of joy, discouragement, defeated lives and walking away from the Lord.
- **Need:** to live constantly in the power of the Holy Spirit by:
 1. Reading the Word: If they are not in the Bible regularly or don't know what to do. Give them the Closer Walk (one table) and suggest them to order it every month.
 2. Prayer
 3. Fellowship: recommend a small group and 100 or covenant classAll small group directories and class info on table

If they came forward for **prayer**

LISTEN to the prayer request. Many times you can do more than just pray for them:

- Give encouraging Bible Scriptures to their situation.
- Encourage them that they need accountability and others to pray for them specifically. Recommend a small group. Give them a directory!
- If they are not in the Bible regularly or don't know what to do. Give them the Closer Walk and suggest them to order it every month.

YOU DON'T NEED TO FILL OUT RESPONSE CARD UNLESS THEY NEED SOMETHING SPECIFICALLY.

1. When do I come forward during the service to help?
 - If you see a bunch of people up there please come forward BEFORE he prays so you can be ready when people come back.
2. **Grab a lanyard**, they are on the table, so the leaders and the body can identify you as a helper. Also walk to the people do not wait for them to come to you. Introduce yourself!!
3. Always **have a 21-Jump start** in your possession. In the book will be a response card and foundation info.
4. **Guys with guys** and **girls with girls** WHENEVER possible please.
5. Put all response cards in the box located on the table.

