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1. Announcements

- a. **The Great Thanksgiving Outreach 2004!** - The Rock Small Groups Ministry has adopted the San Diego Rescue Mission this Thanksgiving Season. To support them, we are recruiting 350 people to assist in various capacities:

Team 1 - Thanksgiving Banquet

The Thanksgiving Banquet is designed to feed 1000 homeless people between the hours of 2:00PM and 5:00PM. You need to arrive at 1:00 for station assignment.

Here is the staffing need for this team:

<u>Title of Position</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>
Food Servers	50
Usher/ Greeters	15
Kitchen Staff	25
Clothing Sorters	5
Food sorters	5
Barbers/ Hair Stylists	5 10
Manicurists/ Pedicurists	5-10

Team 2 - Special Operations Groups

The Special Operations Groups will go to pre-defined locations thorough the city. We will send people out in groups of three, with approximately 5 meals and a list of resources to assist with sharing the Gospel with the homeless. There will be a mandatory orientation for the Special Operations Team at 12PM at the Rescue Mission on Nov. 20, before the Banquet begins.

Here is the staffing need for this team:

<u>Title of Position</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>
Special Operations Groups	150

Donations - Donations will be accepted on the day of the event at the San Diego Rescue Mission.

Turkey vouchers, backpacks, towels, diapers, t-shirts, socks, phone cards, bus tokens

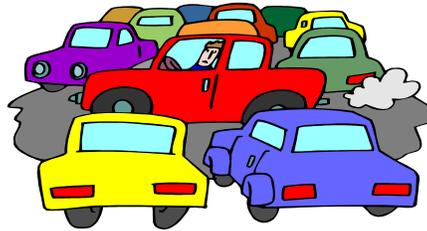
- b. **Community Leaders/ Coaches** - Please take time to contact the people/groups you are shepherding this week. It is critical that we make connections, and find out how we can minister and provide assistance. If you are unsure of who you are coaching, or who your coach is, you can e-mail Melissa at melissak@therocksandiego.org, or Carolyn at carolyn@therocksandiego.org
- c. **New Series Starting Soon:** Do you want to make great friends? Is it time to take another step forward in your relationship with God? The second Life Together series, "Developing Your



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Shape to Serve Others," begins **November 14!** Get connected. For more information, contact Carolyn at x247 or carolyn@therocksandiego.org.

d. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! TO SERVE IN THE PARKING LOT MINISTRY!!



Training and Walkthrough at 3554 Ruffin Rd November 13 at 4:30PM
Pizza Provided!

To sign up or for more information
Contact Brian Rodgers

Email: brianr@therocksandiego.org
Phone: 619-226-7625 x 278

- e. Dunamis:** Tuesday, **November 30**, an incredible, Spirit-filled time of worship and corporate prayer for the Rock church. Don't miss Dunamis! We meet from 7-9 PM at First Assembly of God, [8404 Phyllis Place](#). For more information, contact [Suzanne Lederer](#) at the church office.
- f. np3 Anniversary Celebration:** Are you new to the Rock in the past year? Do you know about np3, our church building campaign project? Pastor Miles would like to personally invite you to our np3 Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, **November 13** 6:30-8 PM at [3554 Ruffin Rd](#) in Serra Mesa. Join us for a special night of worship, communion, testimonials and a special message. It's time to celebrate and acknowledge what God has done through us by testing our faith and demonstrating His faithfulness. We hope to see you there!
- g. The Rock University - Volunteers/Interns Needed:** For more information, please contact [Pastor Kyle Osland](#) at the church office.
- h. Sisters in Christ:** Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM, **November 1-December 6**. All women are welcome. A special time for the women of the Rock to worship, pray, study God's Word, share testimonies, and enjoy fellowship. Childcare provided. [6866 Linda Vista Rd](#). For details, contact Karen at jkarenstevens@att.net.
- i. Children's Ministry - We Need Volunteers:** The Children's Ministry is looking for passionate and dedicated people to teach the Word of God to children of the Rock. For more information, contact [Amy Evangelista \(amy@therocksandiego.org\)](mailto:amy@therocksandiego.org) at the church office.
- j. Prison Ministry:** Are you interested in ministering to the incarcerated? Attend a monthly orientation for Donovan State Prison on **November 7, or December 6**. For details, contact Roger Ziegler at 619.475.7343 or 619.813.6188.

2. Memory Verse

1 John 4:18a - "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear..." (NIV)



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3. Discussion Questions

- 1) In **Exodus 13:20-22**, we read about the Lord going before the Children of Israel by Day in a pillar of Cloud and by night in a Pillar of Fire.
 - a) How would you have responded if God was before you, guiding you in a pillar of smoke or fire?
 - b) Do you think that God guides his people today in such a remarkable way? (**Ps 23:3, Ps 31:3, Ps 48:14, Prov 4:11, Is 49:10, Jn 16:13**)
 - c) Verse 22 is very cool, "He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people."
 - 1) What is the significance of this for you today?
- 2) Do you agree with the following statement, "Whatever you decide to do (read Bible more, pray more, step out in faith), the enemy, your friends, etc. are going to try to stop you."
 - a) Consider Job and then answer this question...
 - b) Have you personally experienced this? How did it work out?
 - c) Have you ever failed?
 - 1) What happened as a result of your failure?
- 3) Read **Exodus 14:5-9**, and consider the following:
 - Pharaoh had 600 chariots - Chariots had a HUGE advantage over normal foot soldiers.
 - The Israelites were "closed in" from Pharaoh's perspective...
 - Pharaoh was driven by his hardened heart...
 - a) What is pursuing you right now? (Drugs, alcohol, other sins?)
 - b) Consider the enormity of seeing Pharaoh and his soldiers closing in on you with no apparent way out...What is your response? What can we learn from the Israelites' experience in that same situation?
 - c) How does this change your perspective on obstacles, or attack?
- 4) In **Exodus 14:11**, we read that the Israelites were so afraid that they cried out to Moses, "Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness?"
 - a) What step of faith has God called you to take?
 - b) Discuss the concept of resisting "fearing back".
 - 1) This is when we allow fear to cause us to go back to where we have come from.
 - c) How has the enemy lied to you in this process?
 - 1) "You are going to die!" - Are you dead yet?
 - 2) "You will be homeless!" - Are you homeless?
 - 3) "You will be a HUGE failure!" - Are you a failure? What really will happen if you fail?
 - d) What are God's promises? (**Num 14:40, Dt 1:11, Dt 8:1, 1 Sam 2:30, Ps 145:13, Lk 24:49, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 2 Pet 1:4, 1 Jn 2:25**)
 - e) How do these promises align with the promises that God gave you, that caused you to step out in faith?
- 5) **Exodus 14:13-14** is an example of "faith forward".
 - a) Discuss the following statement, "Fear makes you want to be less aggressive in following your dream, or even to dream less."
 - 1) Read **1 John 4:8**, and apply that scripture to this statement.



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- b) In verse 14, we read that “The Lord will fight for you”.
 - 1) Who will be able to stand against the Lord?
 - 2) Is there anything the Lord cannot do?
- 6) In **Exodus 14:15**, we read that the Israelites are to stop crying...and walk.
 - a) What would they be crying about...after watching God deliver them from so much?
 - b) How is it possible that they would have forgotten all that God has done?
(Ps 106:7)
 - 1) Have you forgotten what God has done for you? (**1 Chronicles 16:12, Ps 77:11,**)
 - 2) Why is it so important to remember the incredible things that God has done in our lives?