

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where is the USA in Scripture? Join Pastor Dan for a three more weeks through the book of Hosea. Class meets Monday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. For more information, or to register, visit www.therockuniversity.org.

Be Jesus' Hands and Feet: 11-12 The Rock will be collecting gently used clothing, non-perishable food, and cold medicines to be distributed to the SHARE Ministry and the San Diego Rescue Mission.

Men of the Rock: Join us for an overnight fishing trip in Mexico **June 10-11**. \$199 (includes permit). Just a few more spots are available! For more information, or to sign up, contact Aric Curtis at 619.207.7628 or aric.curtis@dhs.gov.

Miles Ahead Dinner and Celebrity Golf Tournament: The Banquet/Auction will be held **June 21** at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines. At that event, Pastor Miles McPherson will unveil his new strategies for reaching youth for Jesus via a TV show, "Four Stories Tall" and a web launch. The Golf Tournament will be held Wednesday June 22 at the Maderas Golf Club in Poway. For more information, visit www.milesahead.com.

Married Couples of the Rock: Our 3rd Annual Married Couples Retreat is coming **July 15 – 17**. What unsaved couple will you invite to join us at La Quinta Resort and Spa? Stop by the Small Group table for more information or register online at: www.therocksandiego.org.

Women of the Rock: What's Your Identity in Christ? Join us for a weekend with Nancy Stafford **August 12-14** at the Calvary Chapel Conference Center in Temecula. Registration forms available online at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/womens/>.

Tijuana House Building: Your group can come together and build a simple shelter for a family in Mexico. Put some action to your faith and plan to join us during any of the following dates: **September 10, October 29, December 3, or January 28**. For more information, contact Ed Crenshaw at 858.571.3427 or tjhousebuilding@therocksandiego.org.

Now Hiring at the Rock: Please continue to pray for our Executive Pastor candidates. There are over 30 applicants and we want God's best for the Rock! For additional job postings, visit us online at: <http://www.therocksandiego.org/jobs-internships/>.

Memory Verse: "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."

- Colossians 2:13

Purpose: To examine what Spiritual Life "looks like" and how to get it.

Prayer: If you missed our Leadership Event or Dunamis, then you missed the announcement that Pastor Dan is being "reassigned" for the Lord. He has been given an amazing opportunity to serve alongside Chuck Missler at Koinonia House in Idaho. Please keep him and his wife Sharon in your prayers during this last month in San Diego!

Connect:

1. What was your life like before Christ? How would you have responded if someone told you that you were dead? (Would you have welcomed the opportunity to hear more? Was your life so great that you would have been offended?)
2. How do you define “living life to the fullest?” Do you experience life to the fullest with a particular person, place, or situation? When do you “savor” life?

Grow:

1. When we were dead in our transgressions, we were “gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts.” (Ephesians 2:3) Consider your daily life. Are you still living according to your old sinful nature, or are your actions consistent with your true identity in Christ? (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:4; Romans 8:9-11; Colossians 2:13)
2. Read **John 6:25-35; John 3:1-21**. As Christians, we talk about having “Life in the Spirit.” What does this passage teach us about living in the Spirit? How do you explain this to a non-believer?
3. Read **Luke 7:36-50**. How does the “sinful” woman demonstrate her life in the Spirit? What does she teach us about what it means to be “alive?”

Live:

1. If “the dead demonstrate a life screaming for CPR,” what about all the “good” people that don’t know Christ? How do you approach someone that does not appear to be crying for help? (1 Corinthians 1:18)
2. Is it easy for non-believers and baby Christians to see that you are “alive” in Christ? Jesus speaks of “putting a light on a stand” so that it can give light to the fullest. How do you put your *life* on a stand?
3. What will you do in order to nurture your life in the Spirit? After sharing with the group, spend some time with your accountability partner praying for one another.