

S M A L L G R O U P Q U E S T I O N S

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Green Acres is the Place for Me
July 9-10, 2005

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Book Drive: The Rock Academy is building a school library and we are in need of book donations. If you have books that you would like to donate to our library, you can leave them at the back of the Rock Church Sanctuary next to the Share Ministry Box, drop them by the Rock Academy, or call for a pick up. Contact the Rock Academy at 858-467-4787 with any questions.

You Too: The desire of *You Too* is to see everyone who attends a Rock Church event, activity or service for the first or second time, have a meaningful personal contact with someone who's been at the Rock longer. Are you new to the Rock? Have you been coming to the Rock but you aren't sure how to get involved? We want to help you get connected! For those new to the Rock, tours are every Sunday at 11 AM at the Information Booth at the back of the sanctuary. No need to make a reservation.

Parking Ministry: During the summer months, many of our volunteers are on vacation. If you currently attend any weekend service, we would love to have you! Help us make weekends a better experience for everyone by lending a hand. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or contact garyg@therocksandiego.org.

Women of the Rock: What's Your Identity in Christ? (Isaiah 61, "Ashes for Beauty") Join us for a weekend with Nancy Stafford **August 12-14** at the Calvary Chapel Conference Center in Temecula. Activities: icebreakers, the Word, worship, relaxation, jacuzzi, hot springs, swimming, tennis, paddleboats, basketball, volleyball, socializing at the coffee house, ice cream, smoothies, drama, games, dance, fun and rest!!! Registration Fee: \$155 per person. Sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the sanctuary after service.

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.

Memory Verse: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen.*
2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Prayer:

Pray for our Parking Ministry. For those that are visiting or are new to the Rock, our parking volunteers make the first impression! Please keep them in prayer as they handle the flow of traffic in and out of our parking lot and witness to the neighbors in the area. Pray for additional volunteers, especially during the evening services; pray for community to grow amongst the volunteers and that we as a body would remember to encourage them in their faithful service.

Connect:

1. Spend a few minutes going around the room sharing what you learned from the Cults series. Have you had the opportunity to share what you have learned? Have you been looking for those opportunities to give a ready defense for your faith?
2. Share a time when you thought, “the grass was greener” elsewhere (Was it a different home? A different job? A different walk with God?), only to find out it wasn’t what you expected it to be.

Grow:

3. Who are you in Christ? (Ephesians 1:11, 1 Peter 2:9) When you know clearly who you are “in Christ,” how should your life reflect this truth on a day to day basis? (Colossians 3:12) Is there evidence that you are “in Christ”?
4. We often say, “Lord if you would just _____, I would be happy.” What is the difference between being happy and being blessed?
5. Read Matthew 5:3-10. How does this passage compare with the world’s definition of blessed? Read through the passage once again, noting all the, “blessed are the _____” statements. Are you blessed?

Live:

6. Are your family and friends being blessed by Christ in you? If yes, how? If not, why not and what can you do this week to bless them?
7. What would you say to another Christian who claims they are not blessed?