

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

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Jesus: the Man, the Message, the Ministry

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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 the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* **1 Corinthians 1:18**

Prayer:

Pray for our new Executive Pastor. As we conclude interviews for this position, we are trusting that God has already hand picked the perfect addition to partner with Pastor Miles in fulfilling the vision of the Rock Church. Pray that he would be prepared to take on the various facets of our growing ministry, and that God's timing will be perfect in bringing him here.

Connect:

1. Before hearing this weekend's message, would you have said there was a difference between heaven and the kingdom of God? After hearing the sermon this weekend, how would you describe the difference between heaven and the Kingdom of God?

Grow:

2. Jesus uses extreme language to express the importance of the kingdom of God in **Mark 9:47**. Read that verse and then discuss the following:
 - A) Is sin something that keeps us from the kingdom of God?
 - B) How is my battle against sin directly related to my progress in God's kingdom?
3. In **John 3:3-5**, Jesus says you can't get into the kingdom without being born again. Why is being born again essential to see the reality of God's Kingdom? (If you can't figure it out, look up **I Corinthians 2:12-15**)

Live:

4. The parables of **Matthew 13** all relate to the kingdom of God. If you were working hard to describe the reality of God's kingdom to your non-believing friends, what kind of stories would you use to describe it?