

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

M i l e s M c P h e r s o n
True Religion? Part 2 – Sciencefictionology
August 13-14, 2005

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

Kairos Prison Outreach: There is just one more month left to write your letters to the men at Donovan State Prison or bake cookies for them for the next Kairos Outreach. For more information or if you and your small group are interested in taking part, please contact carolyn@therocksandiego.org.

Men of the Rock Breakfast: Join us this **Saturday, August 20** from 8-10 AM as we study *The Way of the Warrior: honor, commitment, integrity, vigilance and humility*. Cost is \$5. Email menoftherock@therocksandiego.org for more information.

Men of the Rock: Mark your calendars for **September 16-18**. You're invited to our annual retreat, "Every Great Man, Warrior, Wounded Son and Worshipper"! Don't miss this weekend to get refreshed and refueled! Register on Sunday after service or email menoftherock@therocksandiego.org.

Now Hiring: The Rock Academy is hiring two teachers for our middle school. The position offers 100% medical insurance and the pay range is \$28-30k. Interested applicants must have a B.A. and either have (or are in the process of obtaining) teaching credential. Resume and cover letters may be sent to Dr. Richard Andujo at richarda@therockacademy.org.

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.

Bread of Life Ministry: Come join us as we reach out to the homeless by passing out food, blankets, water and other essentials. We go every Tuesday and Thursday night, 7:45 PM on Elm and Third, Downtown. Contact steveb@therocksandiego.org for more information.

Opportunity to Lead Worship: Luv-em-Up, the Rock's ministry for disabled adults, meets every Monday night for Bible study at Calvary Chapel Lakeside. Approximately 50-75 people attend each week and they love praising God through song. Perfect voices and skills are not required. If you can volunteer, even just once or twice a month, contact Bobby & Rosie Yates at 619.312.0174 or ryatessd@yahoo.com.

Memory Verse: *However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."* 1 Corinthians 2:9

Prayer: Please pray for our upcoming Small Group New Leader Training. Pray that God would prompt people to host and/or facilitate new groups. Pray that we would have enough groups to meet the needs of our growing church and that more people would attend groups. Please keep your facilitators, hosts, coaches and community leaders in prayer along with the spiritual growth within your groups.

Connect:

1. This past week, were you able to encourage someone who was going through a hard time? Share your experience with the group.
2. Describe a time when you spoke with a person of another religious belief.

Grow:

3. Scientology teaches that you are a thetan, a generally good, immortal spirit, with a divine nature and potential, being controlled by bad memories instead of a sinful nature.
 - a. How does the Bible describe the nature of man? (Psalm 51:5, Jeremiah 17:9)
 - b. Describe a time when you could relate to Apostle Paul's internal struggle with sin. (Romans 7:19-24)
4. Scientology teaches that engrams, traumatic memories from past lives, control your spiritual potential and not the Holy Spirit.
 - a. How does the above differ from what the Bible teaches about spiritual potential? (Philippians 1:6, 2 Peter 1:3)
 - b. Has there been a time when you knew God was working through you to help others? (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
5. Scientology teaches that "Clear", the condition of being cleared of engrams or past traumatic memories comes from a costly mental process of auditing resulting in spiritual liberation. It denies turning to God through repentance.
 - a. Where does spiritual freedom come from? (Colossians 2:13-14, Romans 10:9)
 - b. Has there ever been a time when you have ignored sin in your life? How did you feel when you finally confessed it to God? (Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:9)

Live:

6. Because of all the recent media attention given to Scientology, many people are curious about it. Will you commit to sharing what you've learned with a friend (this may turn into an opportunity to share the gospel).
7. Is there sin from your past that you've confessed to God, which you still feel guilty or shameful about? Does God feel the same way? Look up Psalm 103:10-14 and believe in God's promise to you.