

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

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Transformed: Irritating Acts of Obedience

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

Attention ALL Small Group Leaders: Our next Leadership Development Night is Monday, October 17 from 7-8:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Don't forget to bring your apprentices! RSVP by Thursday, October 13 to melissak@therocksandiego.org.

Thanksgiving Banquet: The Rock Church is partnering again with the San Diego Rescue Mission for the Thanksgiving Banquet on Saturday, November 19. Volunteer opportunities include the Food Serving Team, Outreach Team, Table Hosts, and Volunteer Check-in. If you would like to participate in the banquet or assist with the Donation Drive Booth, email carolyn@therocksandiego.org.

Thanksgiving Donation Drive: Each guest attending the Thanksgiving Banquet will be given a bag of necessities. We are collecting t-shirts, socks, washcloths, bus tokens and toiletries (new items only) every weekend through November 12. Donations will also be passed out by our Outreach Team the morning of the banquet. Donations can be dropped off after any weekend service. For more information, email carolyn@therocksandiego.org.

United We Paint Coalition: Help paint 20 homes and 5 community buildings throughout San Diego County on Saturday, October 18 from 8 AM-2 PM. Volunteers will transform the life of someone in need by beautifying homes and community buildings. Materials, paint, breakfast and lunch will be provided. To volunteer, visit www.unitedwepaint.org or call 800.941.3930.

Groundbreaking Ceremony: Praise the Lord for His perfect timing! We are celebrating the close of escrow with a church-wide groundbreaking ceremony. Join us at Building 94 on Saturday, October 22 at 10 AM. Everyone's invited!

Pebbles Pathway: Can you spend an hour a week to help grow followers of Jesus? Pebbles Pathway can use your help! If you would like to spend some time during any weekend service with our children's ministry team, contact lisal@therocksandiego.org or stop by the Youth Building after service.

Kairos Praise Report! *“Kairos 64 took place this past weekend with joyous celebration as the candidates from Donovan completed their four day program. The candidates shared with the guests that attended the closing ceremony how this weekend has impacted their lives. They praised God and thanked Him for the way so many people from the Rock Church reached out to them by way of the letters and cookies that they received. We were able to collect 150 dozen cookies and over 1,800 letters from the Rock. Praise God! I want to personally thank all of you who responded to the Lord's call! You made a huge difference in the lives of these inmates. They wanted me to tell you that they feel your love, care, and concern for them and they greatly appreciate it. Love and Grace, Roger Ziegler ~Philippians 1:3,4”*

Memory Verse: *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”* Mark 10:45

Prayer: Please pray for God to bring a Small Group Pastor to our staff in his perfect timing. Pray that it would be someone who is passionate for small groups, has a clear vision for the ministry, and can provide leadership for us as a ministry.

Connect:

1. Last week we asked the following: *When Jesus called the disciples, they immediately left their nets (Mark 1:16-20). What nets have you let go of to follow Him? What nets do you still need to let go of? (goals, sin, relationships, etc.)* What step(s) did you take this past week to ‘let go of your nets’?

Grow:

2. Read Mark 2:1-5
 - a. How desperate are you for Jesus? Do you love Jesus so much that you would be willing to dig through a roof to reach him? What are the possibilities of growing with the Lord? What do you choose *not* to do to get closer to Jesus because it’s ‘too hard’?
3. The teachers of the law said that Jesus was blaspheming because their hearts were hardened against him (Mark 2:6). There were others who praised Him for healing the paralyzed man (Mark 2:13). What is your reaction when you see God working in the lives of those around you? Is your tendency to doubt what He has done? Do you envy that He has not done a miracle in your life? Is it really true that He hasn’t done any miracles in your life?
4. Read Mark 2:15-17
 - a. What would “having dinner with tax collectors and sinners” look like in our culture today?
 - b. Transformation inspires you to help the lost without becoming lost yourself. What are your boundaries in helping the lost without becoming lost yourself? (Places you go? People you date?)

Live:

5. What is the one act of obedience that you will do this week even though it may bring criticism?