

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

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Transformed by Faith, Part 8
“Transformation Transition”
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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Toys for Joy: Every child makes a Christmas list, but not all children receive a gift. Christmas is upon us and the ninth annual Miles Ahead TOYS FOR JOY on **Friday, December 16** is approaching fast. This is a great opportunity for everyone to make a difference in a child's life, simply by donating a brand new toy. Our goal is to raise 3000 brand new toys for children ranging from infant to eighteen years of age. *If every small group donated just ten toys, we would easily surpass this goal!!!* For more information please stop by our Toys for Joy table outside after services or contact Johnny Martinez at 619.223.4622 or johnnym@milesahead.com.

Home for the Holidays: Are you a family with a big heart and a little room at the table for 1 or 2 or more people? How about extending a seat out to a single person, student or family? We are all a part of God's family and the holidays can prove to be a lonely time when your family is far away. If you would like to open your home, or would like to get connected with a family over the holidays, email Dondi Rowry at without_void@yahoo.com.

1st Annual Rock Church Craft Fair & Fundraiser: Everyone is invited to join us for our Rock Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 3**. This event will be held at the Rock Church from 9 AM – 2 PM. For more information, email singleparentfamily@therocksandiego.org.

Make the First Impression: Each week many new people visit the Rock for the first time. As they pull into our parking lot, they can meet Jesus for the first time in the faces of everyone involved in the Rock Church Parking Ministry. We are looking for a couple of servants to set up cones in the parking lot Saturday afternoons (It only takes about an hour). In addition we are in need of parking people for the Saturday 5:30 PM service as well as the Sunday 11:30 AM service. If you would like to make a first impression for Jesus, even just one weekend a month, contact garyg@therocksandiego.org.

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.

Rock Recovery is a Christian 12-Step ministry of the Rock Church. Rock Recovery is a Christ-centered, co-ed support group that uses small group interaction, scripture and twelve step principles, for those affected by addictions. Please contact steveb@therocksandiego.org.

Memory Verse: *Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”* Mark 8:34

Prayer: Toys for Joy is just weeks away. Pray that the donations flood in and exceed the need. Pray for the volunteers and staff – pray for spiritual and physical protection upon them in the remaining weeks of planning. Pray that many people would show up to receive a gift, but most importantly, that souls would be added to the Kingdom!



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For additional resources for this study, please refer to the online Small Group Support Materials.

Connect:

1. Last week we discussed being prepared for every ministry opportunity. Did you have an opportunity to minister this week? What was it? How did it impact you & your faith? How did it impact the person you were ministering to?

2. What is self-denial? What is the opposite of self-denial? List all of the ways you can “deny yourself.”

Learn:

3. According to Mark 8:33b, what was preventing Peter from denying himself?

4. Read Matthew 5:1-16, 6:33-34 and Philippians 3:12-21. What does it mean to, “*Have in mind the things of God*”?

5. How do we become mindful of the things of God?
(See Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 10:3-5; Ephesians 5:1-2; Colossians 3:2-4; Hebrews 11:6)

Grow:

6. Think back to question 2 and the list of ways you can deny yourself. What do you need to offer to God as an act of self-denial?

7. What keeps you holding on to those things Christ is asking you to deny?

8. This week, intentionally offer one of those things Christ is asking you to deny. Offer it to God then keep a record of the way He worked in your life after your sacrifice. Come next week prepared to share your experience.

