

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

C h u c k J a m i s o n
Transformed by Faith, Part 10
"Transforming Expectations" Mark 10
December 3-4, 2005

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.

Care & Concern: During the winter months, we receive more calls from individuals and families needing assistance. Although we have a benevolence fund available, the needs have already greatly surpassed our available resources. If you would like to donate grocery or gas cards, or even "adopt" a family for Christmas, contact carib@therocksandiego.org or x233.

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.

Romans, Part I: Have you ever wondered what happens to people who die and have never heard the gospel? What about all the "good people"? Can a Christian lose his salvation? Pastor John Leeder will take you through a verse by verse study through Romans in three, six week sessions. This class will equip you to engage a culture that believes truth is relative rather than absolute. Learn to ask people what they believe and why, then challenge their thinking with the concrete truth of God's Word. Session 1 begins **January 9** in the sanctuary. For more information, or to register, visit www.rockuniversity.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.

Join us for the screening of **Invisible Children** on Friday, December 16 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Come enjoy this amazing film as well as a free concert with Trevor Davis. Please don't come alone. *Date has moved from December 9 to December 16. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

Memory Verse: *"So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting." Mark 8:9:29*

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!



“Transforming Expectations” Mark 10

1. Last week we talked about the unbelief in our lives and how we planned to battle that unbelief this past week. Share about your experiences in that battle.
2. What does it mean to “Live in the Scratch”? What does it mean to “Life in the Line”? Give an example of each.
3. List as many different areas of your life you can think of (marriage, job, school, family, personal health, finances, relationships, etc...). Which areas are you “Living in the scratch”? Which areas are you “Living in the line”?
4. Consider those areas where you are “living in the scratch”. What is holding you back from “Living in the line”? Is it fear? Is it pride? What lies is the devil telling you about surrendering those areas to God?
5. Consider these tools you have in fighting the battle of “living in the scratch”:
 - Prayer
 - Prayer with a partner
 - Time in the Word
 - Support & Accountability partners
 - Journaling

Choose one area where you would like to let go and surrender to God. What tools do you want to utilize more effectively this week to help you do that? _____.

6. Make an “action plan” for the week:

I want to focus on _____ area of my life where I am “Living in the scratch” and change it so that I am “Living in the line.” To do that, I will _____.