

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

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

**Rock Marriage Mentor Couples:** We're committed to helping couples and families live Christ-centered lives that will stand the test of time and leave a Godly legacy for future generations. Our Marriage Mentors will come alongside younger couples and help them to experience all that God has for their marriage and family. If you have been married for at least seven years and would like more information about serving as a mentor couple, join us on **Sunday, January 22 at 1:45 PM** for an informational meeting in the new Pebbles Elementary Room. You can also pick up an application at the Info Booth after service or email [melissak@therocksandiego.org](mailto:melissak@therocksandiego.org) or x242.

**Rock Amplified:** How do you like your Sunday experience at the Rock? Would you prefer a more intimate venue? How about hassle-free parking? Maybe some time for fellowship after the message? Come check out Rock Amplified on **Sunday, January 15 at 9:45 AM and 11:30 AM**. To be a ground floor member, serve at this new location, or for more information, stop by the Info Booth after service, or contact [jerryt@therocksandiego.org](mailto:jerryt@therocksandiego.org) or 619.840.3402.

**Adopt Our Pastor:** We are so excited to have John Dehnert on board as our Small Group Pastor! Understanding the high calling he has in overseeing this ministry, we don't want to wait until our next "Adopt-A-Pastor" event. By "adopting" Pastor John, you would be committing to setting aside time to pray for him, his family, and his ministry needs regularly and showing him in small ways your support and appreciation. You would receive a monthly update via email of John's specific prayer requests and praise reports. God has mighty things in store for Pastor John, his family and the Small Group Ministry. If you and your small group/family would like to be part of Pastor John's prayer team, please contact [carolyn@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolyn@therocksandiego.org) or x247.

**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](mailto:carib@therocksandiego.org) or x233.

**Memory Verse:** *So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.* Exodus 33:11



This week we are taking a look back at what we've studied in the past; specifically, Genesis and Exodus. If you weren't with us during those studies feel free to take a look at the Genesis & Exodus Study Guide to prepare for the study questions

**Connect:**

1. Take a moment and think about how you have benefited personally from reading the Bible. What is the pay off for you when you faithfully get into the word of God?
2. One of the big benefits of reading the Old Testament is that we get a clear picture of who God is. Are there qualities and traits of God that you have discovered from past reading? How has that shaped the way you think about obediently following God?

**Grow:**

Below are some of the key players in Genesis and Exodus. Think through the each question before you share your thoughts with the group.

3. In Genesis 15:6, the Bible says that *Abraham believed God*. In Hebrews 11, we find out that it was faith that caused Abraham to follow God and become the father of His people. Why do you think belief and faith are such critical components to obediently following God?
4. Later in Genesis we read that Joseph went from one bad set of circumstances to another. He gets sold into slavery by his brothers (Genesis 37:26-28), he gets falsely accused of sexual assault (Genesis 39:1-20) and he gets thrown into prison (Genesis 39:20). The Bible says, in spite of it all, that God was with Joseph. Have there been times in your life when God used difficult circumstances to accomplish His purposes? How has that changed your perspective on hard times, if at all?
5. In Exodus 3:10, we read that God called Moses to be His representative and lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Read the following verses and note the objections Moses has for God's instructions? Exodus 3:11, 4:1, 4:10, 4:13
6. Have there been times when God asked you to believe in Him and follow him faithfully? Talk about that a bit with the group.
7. What are some of the objections we raise against obeying God's call in our lives?

**Live:**

8. What will you do this week to obediently follow through on what God is asking you to do? How can your small group help you with that?

