

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 or x242.

How is Your Soul? Experience God's power as we come together as one body in prayer. Join us for Dunamis on **Tuesday, January 31** from 7-9 PM, in the Sanctuary.

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? Rock Amplified is now in service during the **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 jong@therocksandiego.org or x240.

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 carolynny@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 or x233.

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.

Memory Verse: *You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy.* Leviticus 19:2



1. Use the graphic organizer provided to compare a physical stain (on a shirt, the carpet, etc..) to the spiritual stain of sin.
2. According to the message, what is holiness? What does holiness have to do with sin?
3. Consider the following verses: John 10:10, Romans 5:1-2, 8-9; Hebrews 9:1-14, 10:1-25. What is God's motivation for revealing and cleansing the sin in our lives?
4. Examine an area of your life that you feel is stained by sin and needs to be made holy (sanctified). How have you been dealing with the sin? (i.e. ignoring it, justifying it, trying futile means of getting rid of it, etc...) What has been the result of your efforts?
5. What can you learn about the freedom God grants us from sin? (Romans 6:8-14; 8:1-17)
6. What are specific actions you can take to claim that freedom?

Physical & Spiritual Stains Graphic Organizer

	Physical Stain (Spot or soiled area)	Spiritual Stain (Sin)	Supporting Questions:
How does it happen?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is it intentional or unintentional? ▪ What causes the stain?
How can you tell it's there?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To what do we compare a physical stain to realize it's presence? ▪ To what do we compare our spiritual stains?
What happens as a result of it's presence?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does a stain always ruin something?
How do you get it out?			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are you always successful in removing a stain?