

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Mr. Clean”
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sippin’ the Bean with John & Coleene:** all Small Group Leaders (Facilitator, Hosts, Coaches and Community Leaders) are invited to an informal gathering for coffee, dessert, and a time of fellowship at the home of Pastor John Dehnert and his wife, Coleene, with other small group leaders. Sippin’ Dates: Sunday, 7-8:30 PM, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 23, 30. To sign up for an evening please contact carolynny@therocksandiego.org or 619.226.7625 x247.
- **Small Group Coach and Community Leader Meeting:** Saturday, February 25, 8:30-10:30 AM, location TBD.
- **Small Group Essentials Training:** Saturday, March 18, 8-11:30 AM. Breakfast is at 8 AM and our meeting begins at 8:30 AM. It is “essential” that all Small Group Leaders and Apprentices attend this training. More info to come.
- For all other Rock Announcements go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

MEMORY VERSE

- *Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*
1 Corinthians 10:31

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – “FOOD FOR THOUGHT”

This week we take a close-up look at some specific rules God gave His people in Leviticus. Do you ever wonder what those rules are all about? Generally speaking, God gives us rules (commands) because He knows how life works best. We follow the manufacturer’s rules about caring for our cars because they design and build the cars. In the same way, God says, “Follow My rules for your life because I am the Designer/Builder.” Bottom line, He knows us intimately and how we work best. That means He knows how we should live.

In church this week we looked at some of the broader purposes for God’s rules in our lives. Specifically, through His rules God wants us to understand:

1. Who He is (His character)
2. His leadership in our lives (His right to be our final authority)
3. His desire and plan for our lives



For us, this means that when seeking direction on holy living, it is important that we search God’s Word. It’s not enough to simply know the “rules,” but to better understand:

1. God’s character (who God is)
2. God’s right to require obedience
3. God’s plan and desire for our lives

For this week in your small group, we encourage you to take a book of the Bible (we recommend Philippians – it’s short and easy to digest) and search the scripture for information that tells you about God’s character, His right to require obedience (so that life goes well for us), and God’s purpose for our lives.

Your evening may look something like this (please remember this is only a guideline, **do what makes sense for your group**):

Time	Activity
00:00-00:10	Pray for God’s guidance and blessing on your study for the evening
00:10-00:15	Summarize for your group what is printed above. Spend a few minutes reviewing what you learned at church. Establish which book you are going to study. It might be best to divide up the chapters among group members.
00:15-00:30	Using the graphic organizer provided below, go through each chapter and record the information you found concerning God’s authority, purpose for your life, and character. Be sure to record the chapter and verse where you found it.
00:30-00:50	In a group discussion, share what you learned from the graphic organizer. If you have the means, you might even write it out on a big poster board or piece of chart paper.
00:50-01:10	Consider the questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Deuteronomy 4:39-40, 5:28-29 and 12:28. Then write down God’s motivation for giving us “the rules.” 2. What are some of the “rules” God has been focusing your attention on to help you “clean up” your life? 3. What prevents us from being completely obedient to God’s rules for our lives? 4. What do God’s rules reveal about His character, His purpose for our lives and His authority over us? 5. Think about all the tiny decisions you make throughout the course of your day. In those seemingly insignificant moments, how can you honor God’s authority in your life? 6. How will life go better for you if you choose to obey the Designer/Builders “rules”?

Graphic Organizer

Category	Reference	What did you learn?
God's Character (What do you learn about who God is?)		
God's right to require obedience		
God's plan and desire for our lives		