

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Being Who You Were Made To Be
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Small Group Leaders and Hosts** – Have you changed your phone number or email address recently? Have you moved? Has the time of your group changed? Please email andy@therocksandiego.org with any contact info and/or small group updates.
- **Interested in leading your own small group?** Ask your Small Group Leader about being an Apprentice or contact Carolyn York at 619.226.7625 x247 or carolyn@therocksandiego.org.
- **Have you and your small group signed up to volunteer for the 4th of July Revolution yet?** We can definitely use your help for Usher/Greeters, Altar Call Counselors, Security or Prayer Warriors. Download the Volunteer Application at <http://www.milesahead.com/revolution.php> and bring it with you to one of the trainings (schedule also available online). Contact johnnym@milesahead.com or 619.226.7625 x243 with any questions.
- **Are you a woman?** Do you want to get away for a weekend to relax, spend time with Jesus and other Christian women, and glean from dynamic and down-to-earth speakers? Join us for our annual Rock Women's Retreat "Extreme Makeover to Extreme Takeover," August 11-13. \$165. Register online at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/womens/womensretreat/>. Scholarships also available.
- **For all other Rock Announcements** please go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

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The debate over women in ministry may or may not get settled for you but one thing we can be sure of is *everyone is given a role in the church regardless of gender*. It's easy to argue over hypothetical scenarios about other people, but we would like to turn the discussion back to us and our lives.

The thing that God desires most for us is that we would give our lives to Him and become His sons and daughters. After that, He desires for us to grow up in our relationship with Him and others. One of the major parts of growing up spiritually is discovering how to function in the body (His church). That's what we will look at this week in our discussion.

Getting Started

1. Some say that people are "volunteer-phobic" these days (i.e. they are afraid of volunteering). Do you think that is true? Why or why not?
2. What kinds of roles have you had in the past that felt like a good fit for you? What kinds of roles felt like a bad fit? What do you think the difference is for you?
3. Have you ever watched someone do something at the Rock or another church, and thought, "I bet it would be cool to do that"? What was appealing to you about that role?

Digging Deeper

4. Read the following passages and write out the spiritual gifts listed. For now, try not to get bogged down discussing the controversial gifts (that's another Bible study down the road ☺).

- a. Romans 12:4-8
 - b. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
 - c. Ephesians 4:11-16
5. Read the following verses and write out some of the reasons we should use our spiritual gifts in the church. Don't feel like you have to cover all of these during group time, but be sure to look all of them up on your own.
- a. Romans 12:1
 - b. Galatians 6:2, 10
 - c. Ephesians 4:14-16 (What is the effect on the body when we use our gifts?)
 - d. 2 Timothy 1:6-7
 - e. Hebrews 3:12-13
 - f. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 (What is God's big picture assignment for all of us?)
6. What do you think keeps some people from deploying their spiritual gifts in the church today? Is there anything about the Rock that makes using your gifts difficult? How could you overcome that?
7. John Ortberg writes and talks about "hurry sickness." He says that we are so rushed and busy that it is difficult, at best, to live on purpose. Do you think it's possible to be so busy that you miss knowing and doing God's plan for your life?

On a scale of 1-10, how hurried are you in life (1 being totally at rest, 10 being "hair on fire" busy)?

Bringing it Home

If you are already delivering your gift(s) in the church, don't feel like you have to do more. One of the tools the enemy will use against you is false guilt, so don't give him that opportunity. But maybe you aren't currently using your gifts in the church; or maybe God wants to redirect you.

- 8. Based on what has been discussed so far, what do you think your spiritual gifts are? What are some roles at the Rock where you could use those gifts?
- 9. Bill Hybels has often said that it is the job of every Christ follower to "develop their spiritual gift to the zenith of their potential." How developed do you think your spiritual gifts are? What could you do to get better at delivering your gifts? Is there something you need to read? Is there training you need?
- 10. One of the things you can do is take a spiritual gifts assessment. There is nothing scientific about these assessments, but they can help you start the discovery process. Why don't you check out our Spiritual Gifts Test and get going on using your gift for Jesus.
 - a. <http://www.therocksandiego.org/firststeps/> (Go to #5. Determine Your Spiritual Gifts and download the pdf file).