

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Road Trip  
July 23, 2006

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Small Group Summer Picnic** – Ticket sales have been extended through Thursday, July 27 at the Rockpile Store during normal business hours. Adults (11+) are \$7; kids (6-10) are \$3; kids 5 and under are free. Lunch includes hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, dessert and more! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and be ready for some fun.
- **Small Group Leaders and Hosts** – We need to take your picture. Your last opportunity to do this is Sunday, July 30. We'll be at the picnic tables in between the Sanctuary and Building 3556 after every service except the 7:15 PM service. For more information, contact Andy Rodgers at [andy@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andy@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x242.
- **Has your small group blessed your life?** We want to hear about it. To receive a Small Group Testimony Form, contact Andy Rodgers at [andy@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andy@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x242.
- **Have you thought about going to Dunamis with your small group?** This monthly event focuses on worshiping God through song, the Word, and prayer to engage Christians in remembering who they are in Christ, who God is, and what He has done and is doing. Join us the last Tuesday of every month, 7-9 PM, 3558 Ruffin Rd.
- **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/>.

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – ROAD TRIP

### So, where do I fit in this journey?

Traveling in a group is always an interesting experience. Usually it means that you have to pack extra patience and take on different responsibilities. Traveling on this Road Trip to the promise land is no different, so pack your patience and get ready for different responsibilities!

Maybe you take trips with groups all the time. Maybe you prefer to travel alone or with a selected, hand picked, close, special people. Regardless of your preferences, the road trip God has planned for us is a group experience and you have an important job to do on the trip. This week, the small group questions are designed to get you thinking about what it means to travel as a group and how you can decipher your role on this journey.

### Getting Started

1. There no doubt is a difference in traveling alone and traveling in a group. How does the *experience* of traveling change when you travel with a group rather than take a trip by yourself?
2. God is taking us on a road trip to the promise land—to a place of abundant blessing. Because our relationship with God is personal by nature it is easy to forget that the road trip we're on is actually a group experience. In what ways does traveling in a group change your *perspective* on the road trip? How does it impact your *place and purpose* on the trip?
3. What do we gain from taking this road trip in a group? What are the *benefits* from traveling as a team?

## Digging Deeper

4. It may take some time to adjust our perception of the road trip we are taking from simply “us and God,” to being a part of a group of people who are being led by God. What does the Bible say about our “group travel” and how we should think about it?
  - a. Ephesians 4:16
  - b. I Corinthians 12:7
  - c. Romans 12:4-6a
  
5. What are some of the roles we assume as a part of our group travel? What do these roles look like specifically at the Rock? (You can refer to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/> for a list of ministries.)
  - a. Romans 12:6-8
  - b. Ephesians 4:11-13
  
6. The Bible makes it clear that God expects us to determine our role on the road trip; and we will be held accountable for what we do or do not do. Consider these passages:
  - a. Matthew 25:14-30
  - b. Romans 14:10-12
  - c. What are some of the ramifications of not fulfilling the role God has ordained for us? How does it impact the Kingdom of God? How does it impact the body of Christ?
  
7. We are discovering our role, learning how to function in our role, and in the process of maturing in Christ all at the same time. We are bound to make mistakes. Being on a road trip with a group of people who are all learning together can be frustrating. What does the Bible tell us about how we should treat one another through this process?
  - a. Romans 15:1-5
  - b. Ephesians 4:2
  - c. Philippians 2:3
  - d. Colossians 3:13; 4:6
  - e. I Thessalonians 5:11
  - f. Hebrews 3:13

## Bringing it Home

8. What do you feel is God’s role(s) for you on this journey? How can you seek confirmation of that? How can you further clarify what God’s role(s) for you actually is?
  
9. If you knew you wouldn’t or couldn’t fail, what would you do for the Kingdom of God?
  
10. What do you need to do to get started functioning in your role? Do you need more information? Do you need encouragement? Do you need a friend to help you take the first step? How can your small group support you?