

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The Stones in the Road

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This month is **Pastor Appreciation Month!** It's as simple as picking a pastor, sending them appreciation cards, and being their prayer warrior. For more information, contact [adoptapastor@therocksandiego.org](mailto:adoptapastor@therocksandiego.org).
- **Men's Retreat** - October 27-29, sign up online at [www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/mens](http://www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/mens).
- **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/>.

## MEMORY VERSE

*However, as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."* 1 Corinthians 2:9

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – THE STONE IN THE ROAD

Well, we've come to the end of our trip. What matters most as we think about where we have been is not how much ground we've covered or how quickly we've arrived at our destination. What matters most is the depth of our transformation and the condition of our hearts as we end the journey.

This week, we would like to encourage you and your group to take time and reflect on the journey. *What did you learn? What are you struggling with? What victories did you experience? What is God calling for you to do next?*

There is not a right or wrong way to go about answering these questions – feel free to do what makes the most sense for you and your small group. We put together a possible approach to accomplishing this task that you can use, tweak or abandon all together. All we care about is that you not end the road trip without reflecting on the journey.

Here's one way to go about it:

One thing Pastor Miles emphasized during this series was the need for complete and total surrender to God's leading and direction. Specifically, there are four areas of surrender:

1. Surrendering our self-proclaimed purpose of our lives.
2. Surrendering what we consider to be the ideal destination (where we end up when the trip is over).
3. Surrendering what we think we need or want.
4. Surrendering how we think things "should be" on the trip.

With your group, consider each area of surrender. Consider what you've learned personally, how you've grown, what you still have questions about or what you desire from God in this area of surrender. Use the passages provided or passages that have become dear to you throughout the course of the journey to help focus your reflection; if you are able, use music to facilitate worship and praise to God. (All the songs suggested are from the CD *Shout to the Earth*. The entire CD or individual songs can be downloaded from itunes.)

Special Instructions:

- You can go about this by printing 1 study guide (attached below) for each of your group members to facilitate reflection and discussion.

- In the study guide you will find a Biblical passage, suggested song, and an area to write notes/reflections.
- Pray together as a group as you move through each category.
- End your night with a song, testimonial time, or final prayer.

This meeting isn't so much about learning as it is about taking inventory of where you are personally at the end of this unit of study and asking God to take you to the next step.

**Study Guide:**

In each box, consider the area of surrender by reflecting on questions like

What have you learned personally? How have you grown? What do you still have questions about? What do you desire from God in this area of surrender?

<p><i>Surrender of our self-proclaimed purpose of our lives</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 19:21</b> Song: Your Blood Says Everything</p>	<p><i>Surrender of our ideal destination</i></p> <p><b>Proverbs 3:5-6</b> Song: To a Thousand Generations</p>
<p><i>Surrender of what we think we need or want</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 37:4</b> Song: More than Anything</p>	<p><i>Surrender of how we think things "should be" in our lives</i></p> <p><b>Isaiah 55:8</b> Song: Sufficient for Me</p>