

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Dreaming For Destiny
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Rally - Mark your calendar! The Small Group Ministry is having an event for all small groups (leaders and attendees) and those interested in being part of the ministry. Details: Friday, March 9, 7 PM in the Rock Sanctuary. Please R.S.V.P by Friday, March 2 to andy@therocksandiego.org or 858.268.1366 x2012. More information to come!

Prison Ministry needs letters of love and support and home-baked cookies for the upcoming Kairos Outreach Weekend at Donovan State Prison. This is a great way to work together with your small group! If interested, contact Roger at 619.813.6188.

Pre-Service Prayer - Starting February 4, you're invited to join us for prayer before the 8 AM and 5:15 PM services. Pray for others, pray alone, or be prayed for in Building 3558, starting 20 minutes before the service begins.

Want to laugh with your small group? Consider going to the Rock Comedy Night with Comedian Tim Hawkins, Friday, February 23, 7 PM in the Ruffin Campus Sanctuary. Cost: Free!

For all other Rock events, please go <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

MEMORY VERSE

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28

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The King James Version of Proverbs 29:18 reads: *Where there is no vision, the people perish.* Although the New International Version is somewhat different, the impact is equally as powerful: *Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint.* Unless God's people have clear vision of the dream He has for them, the possibility of a successful journey is severely limited.

Joseph was still a boy when he received God's dream for his life, a mere 17 years old. He is one of only a handful of biblical characters whom the Word does not record anything negative about. What made Joseph so unique was his God-given ability to hold his dream in his mind's eye throughout his life despite circumstances that would suggest his dreams could not come to pass.

All of us have dreams; some are just a wish to live a life that's far different from our own. Yet, the real question is: Have you received God's dream, or vision for your life? How about your small group? Does your group dream of the impact it could make for the Kingdom if you had a unified dream from God?

Getting Started

1. Take time to talk about some of the dreams that you've had for your life. What did you dream about while growing up? Have some of these dreams come to pass? Have some of your dreams died and how has that affected you?
2. Have you ever asked God what is His dream for your life? How is it different from your dreams? What do you think it would cost to follow His dream?

Digging Deeper

3. Read together Genesis 37. In 37:1 it says that Joseph brought a bad report to his father about his brothers. Do you think he was a tattletale? Before you answer, consider Joseph's brother's character: look at 37:18-36. Also, an "evil" or "bad" report suggests that their reputation had spread throughout the community.
4. Read 37: 4-8. Do you think it was wise of Joseph to share His dreams with his brothers? Why or why not? How can Joseph's experience give us wisdom in regards to sharing God's personal vision with others?

5. In Joseph's case, God used a physical dream to help him understand God's vision for His life. Can you think of other ways God revealed His dream for others in the Bible? (If stumped look at Isaiah 6:1-10, Jeremiah 1:4-19 and Acts 9:15; 26:15-23.)

6. Joseph endured incredible unjust trials before his dreams came to pass, why do you think God allowed him to suffer even though He considered him righteous? How did this suffering prepare him for God's plan?

7. In the past, how has God revealed His dreams for you? How has God's Word clarified and shaped your understanding of His plan for your life? What are the barriers that are keeping you from His dream?

8. If you had all the resources available, what would you like to accomplish for God? Who would you want to reach? Is there a particular segment of the population that you are broken over?

Bringing it Home

Read Acts 13:1-3. The early church gathered to ask God to reveal His vision for them. During a time of worship and fasting God told them to set apart Paul and Barnabas for a special mission, a mission that would change the world!

9. Just like in Acts 13 spend some time worshipping and imploring God how He could empower your group for His mission. Maybe after hearing the individual dreams of those in your group, you could take the next step of making these dreams a reality.