

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Extreme Home Takeover Series, Part 1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women, you're invited to *Wonderland: a conversation over tea*, April 28, 1-3 PM. This twist to a traditional tea will leave you inspired and challenged as you hear how God blesses the desires of our heart. For more information, go to www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar. To help with this event, contact Tiffany Walton at fanciwal@hotmail or 619.379.6105.

Men's Purity Small Group - Are you looking to bring more purity into your life? Working to stay clear-minded and focused on things of Heaven, not on the "stuff" of this earth? A new small group, designed specifically for men seeking a deeper walk with the Lord through purity is now available. For more information, contact Dale Bacon at 323.481.8216 or deepfarmcountry@gmail.com.

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

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

***We thought it would be good to add this component to our Small Group Questions. As "small groupies," you are the heart and soul of this ministry--who better than you to lift up the Small Group Ministry in prayer? So, it's up to you, you can spend time in your small group praying for these things (weekly or occasionally), or you can pray during the week on your own time. And if you'd like to be added to our Pastor's Prayer Team(s), just let us know. John Dehnert, Mark Collins, or Paul Garrison, our small group pastors, would love your prayers! We send out a monthly email of their personal and ministry prayer requests. Just contact Andy Rodgers at andyr@therocksandiego.org. May God work through your prayers mightily!*

Reaching the Lost: Who can you invite or bring with you to the Rock Good Friday and/or Easter Services? Be praying for opportunities to invite those God puts on your heart.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: Rock Small Groups exist to help you grow up to full maturity in your relationship with God and others; pray that this would continue to happen. Pray for godly life-change and growth within our groups.

Potential Small Group Leaders: Can you pray for our potential small group leaders who signed up last Friday at our Imagineering event? Please pray for their training process, the future of their small groups, and that the small group staff and coaches would train and shepherd them well.

Small Group Staff: Please pray for protection and replenishment.

The Rock Body: Please pray that our weekend church population would respond to our small group sign-up campaign scheduled for April 28/29 and May 5/6. Our goal is to offer 150 new small groups to our church, but we know that God has to put it on their hearts to want to get into a group. Pray that they'd find the perfect "group-fit."

MEMORY VERSE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – GOD’S ENCOURAGEMENT

As Jesus was preparing to leave earth, he gathered His disciples and commanded them to make disciples of all nations. This is the Great Commission, the mission statement of all churches in one form or another. We are all in the business of making disciples, but often, when we think about those words, we fail to read or think about the surrounding verses. In these verses, Jesus provides motivation and encouragement to His followers by telling them that all power had been given to Him and though He was leaving, He would be with them always. This story typifies the way God interacts with all people; He calls us to take steps of faith out of the power of our relationship with Him.

The author of Hebrews tells us that *without faith it is impossible to please Him*, so this week in our study we will examine God’s interaction with Joshua and His call for Joshua to act in faith. My prayer as we embark on this is that we’ll be empowered to live the life God has called us to live, a life of faith which reaches beyond the trivial and into the supernatural. My hope is that we’ll be able to overcome life’s obstacles and live out what God is calling us to do in our communities.

Getting Started

1. Who is your favorite Bible character? What faith choice(s) were they required to make?
2. Do have any stories of acting in faith and watching God come through for you? Share that story.

Digging Deeper

Read the following verses: Deuteronomy 31:23-24, Joshua 1:6-9, 16-18. The message to Joshua is clear: “Be strong and courageous.”

3. Who were the different people delivering this message to Joshua?
 - a. Deuteronomy 31:23-24:
 - b. Joshua 1:6-9:
 - c. Joshua 1:16-18:

4. Why did God use so many people to encourage Joshua?

5. If you were to sum up God's communication with Joshua, how would you do it? Include all aspects of communication, motive, timing, etc.

6. Has there ever been a time when God used multiple sources to make His will clear to you? Tell the group your story.

7. What does this reveal about the nature of God?

Bringing it Home

Simply put, God not only gives us commands, but He promises to walk with us as we put into practice His plans for us. Obviously, we should be encouraged with a message like this because it should give us confidence to obey God. It should also encourage us to see God in a more personal way, as a God intimately acquainted with all that we do.

8. What are some of the faith actions God is asking you to take in your life? What's stopping you from doing it?

9. Tell the group about the encouraging messages you have received from God? Write down what God is trying to tell you.

10. Share prayer requests with each other, pray throughout the week to be 'strong and courageous.'