

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Extreme Home Takeover, Part 2

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can you put together a **gift basket** for the Miles Ahead Golf Tournament and Auction? The proceeds for the auctioned off basket will help fund the ongoing ministry of [Miles Ahead](#) and you could win your small group a pizza party. The deadline for the baskets is April 18. For more information, contact Becky Cattaneo at 619.226.7625 x250 or beckyc@milesahead.com. Happy Basket-making!

Sleepless in San Diego - Do you have a passion for helping the poor? Don't know what you can do to prevent homelessness? Come sleepout or sponsor someone to sleepout! Saturday, April 28 - Sunday, April 29 at the San Diego Community Concourse. For event details or to register for the sleepout, visit www.sleeplessinsandiego.org or call 619.819.1853.

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.com 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

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 andy@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 230 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 over 100 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 a good "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 – MEMORIAL STONES

Across time and history, different cultures and people have existed, and each of these has their own unique way of living. In the United States, for instance, the pace of life is much quicker than it is in Europe. Neither of the cultures is necessarily better than the other, but each presents benefits and hindrances to having a relationship with God. In our culture, the benefits could be having financial freedom to serve God globally, the freedom to share the Gospel in peace, and numerous others; while the hindrances include easy access to sin, a self-centered, consumerist culture, and a pace of living which prevents us from seeing God. In this study, we are going to look at the importance of remembering and discipling our living to keep fresh in our minds the past blessings of God.

Getting Started

1. Why do people have so little free time in our culture? Do you think people spend their time doing the most important things? Why do you think this?
2. Fredrick Douglass, William Penn, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rosa Parks, Roger Williams...do you know who these people are and what their contribution to the United States was? Why is it so easy to forget the past?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Joshua 4, why did God have them set up the memorial stones? (v. 6-7, 20–24) If you were in their position would you ever forget such an amazing miracle? Why or why not?
4. Like our own culture, Israel had a difficult time remembering, what makes us so prone to forget what God has done?

5. God specifically instructed Israel to take twelve stones from the Jordan River. What's the significance of that, besides the fact that there are twelve tribes of Israel? (Answer: Memorial stones should be personalized not generic, relational not legalistic.)

6. In Joshua 2:8-11, Rahab tells the 12 spies about the fear of the people in Jericho because of what God did in Egypt. Rahab remembered the miracles of God from 40 years prior to the moment. How did this help her to walk with Him?

7. In the New Testament, Jesus set up a 'memorial stone' of sorts, it's called Communion (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). One of the main ideas of Communion is to stir us to remember Jesus and His sacrifice for us. In your group, spend a few minutes remembering Jesus by retelling the parts of His life which are meaningful to you.

Bringing it Home

8. What are some things you can do to help you remember what God has done for you?

9. Why don't you take some time right now to acknowledge and talk about God's blessings in your life (past blessings and recent ones).

10. Commit this week to keeping a prayer journal for the group. Write down your prayer requests and periodically refer back to the list; as time goes on, you'll be able to see how God answered them. Can this be delegated to someone in your group?