

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## Extreme Home Takeover, Part 4

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Calling all Existing Small Group Leaders** - Have you signed up for your Small Group Database Training yet? We need you to attend one of these trainings: Monday, April 8, 7:30-9 PM, Tuesday, April 9, 7:30-9 PM, or Saturday, April 14, 9:30-11 AM. Childcare provided. Get more information at [www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/2831/](http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/2831/). Can you sign-up by Wednesday, April 4 to [andy@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andy@therocksandiego.org). If you miss the deadline, still R.S.V.P. Thank you.

**Want to work with the Rock TV Production Crew as a Production Assistant?** They are looking for 5 volunteers to help out at the Easter Service at Cox Arena, April 8, 6 AM - 2 PM. The work entails heavy lifting and a great deal of movement through the arena as you assist the Director, Cameramen, Grips and Gaffers. No experience necessary. Please contact Trisha Correia at 619.226.7625 x276 or [trishac@therocksandiego.org](mailto:trishac@therocksandiego.org).

**Small Groups & Community Clean-Up** - You have the opportunity with your small group to be a part of a Community Clean-up near our church in Serra Mesa. The team will pick up trash, pull weeds, and perform general clean-up at Taft Middle School (9191 Gramercy Dr., 92123) on April 7, from 9-11 AM. To be a part of this, contact Mark Richardson at [markr@therocksandiego.org](mailto:markr@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x293.

**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](http://www.sleeplessinsandiego.org) or call 619.819.1853.

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](mailto: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:** We had the first training for our New Potential Leaders last Saturday. Can you continue praying for them and their future groups?

**Small Group Staff:** Please pray for rest, replenishment and protection.

**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

*Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:5*

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

In the book of Revelation (4:8), we are shown an amazing picture of heaven where these angelic creatures continually praise God by calling him "Holy." The word 'holy' means 'set-apart/different,' and if there has ever been a better word to describe God than different, I'm not sure what it is. God is the only being with the ability to create something out of nothing; where as, we create from the materials He made. He is the only being who completely knows everything there is to know. He is the only sinless being. His methods, plans, and thoughts are so different than what we do naturally. In the brief time of His humiliation, when Jesus came to earth, He came both as God and man. Imagine, Jesus came as a baby and the limitless God at the same time. If you're having trouble getting your mind around that concept, don't worry, no one has fully grasped it since the beginning of time.

In the story of the battle of Jericho, we see what has to be the most moronic battle plan in the history of war. To defeat the enemy, the people were told to march around the city and to scream and blow their trumpets to knock down the walls of the city. The last time I checked, if I scream at the wall, it doesn't fall down. Yet, this was the plan God gave Joshua. Read Joshua 6:27.

### *Getting Started*

1. When was the last time you were faced with a situation where doing things "God's way" seemed like a bad idea? Tell the group about that situation.
2. Having faith in God is difficult. In your opinion, what are some of the reasons for this?

### *Digging Deeper*

When reading the Bible, it is easy to forget that characters are real people, that they lived daily lives just like us. When we read about the battle for Jericho it takes only 21 verses, but for Joshua it was months and years in the making. We see the outcome so shortly after the problem, but for Joshua, as he was carrying out God's commands, the outcome hadn't occurred yet. As we dig deep into this text, try to imagine you are Joshua...

3. ...You are in control of millions of people, a sizeable army, and you are moving out of the wilderness to take one of the most fortified cities in the world, what sort of battle plans are you hoping the Lord gives you?
  
4. ...Instead of giving you some genius plans of war, God calls you to mobilize millions of people and have them march silently around the city. Further, God told you this in private, where other people couldn't hear. What are you feeling at that moment?
  
5. ...As the people begin to march around the city and continue for seven days, what are some of your fears? What will happen to Joshua if God lets him down?
  
6. Are these fears similar to your own? What has God asked you to do that seems impossible? How does Joshua's life encourage you to believe God despite your fears?

### ***Bringing it Home***

7. In your opinion, why does God require faith in the people who are close to him? What does Hebrews 11:6 say?
  
8. It's easy to talk about faith, but how does one increase their faith in God?
  
9. At the beginning of chapter 7 is the story of Achan who outwardly had faith in God's provision, but inwardly trusted in himself more than God. What role do secret actions, motivations, and attitudes play in having faith in God?