

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

## IMAGE is Everything, Part 6

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Would you like to lead or host a small group?** Go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/smallgroups/becomingaleaderorhost/> or contact Carolyn York at [carolyn.york@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolyn.york@therocksandiego.org) or 619.764.5120.

**Saturday, October 27 is Navy Day at Liberty Station** and we are looking for a few individuals willing to volunteer at a Pancake Breakfast for active military and their families from 8-10 AM that day. This event is part of Fleet Week and the Rock would like to be part of the celebration of our military men and women. If you or your small group are interested in serving, please contact Susan Kennedy at [susan.kennedy@therocksandiego.org](mailto:susan.kennedy@therocksandiego.org) or 619.764.5164.

**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. 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.rodgers@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andy.rodgers@therocksandiego.org). May God work through your prayers mightily!*

**Reaching the Lost:** Please pray that God would continue to draw the lost both to the Rock and our small groups.

**Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups:** Pray that God would energize, strengthen and restart groups in the fall months.

**Potential Small Group Leaders:** Pray for the new small group leaders as they start leading their groups this month and next.

**Small Group Staff:** Pray that God would renew our strength and give us His vision for small groups as we begin our planning for 2008.

**The Rock Body:** Pray that we would take time to celebrate all that God has done in our midst.

## MEMORY VERSE

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25*

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – IMAGE MAGNIFICATION

An electron microscope is a type of microscope that uses electrons to illuminate and create an image of a specimen. It has much higher magnification and power than a regular light microscope, with magnifications up to about two million times compared to about two thousand, allowing it to see smaller objects and greater detail in these objects. Unlike a light microscope which uses glass lenses to focus light, the electron microscope uses electrostatic and electromagnetic lenses to control the illumination and imaging of the specimen.

For the believer, the body of Christ (the church) acts like an electron microscope magnifying the true image that God has embedded deep within us. Unfortunately, many Christians try going it alone without the help of other believers only to find that their true image is never really fully realized.

### *Getting Started*

1. Start this week's session by going around the circle and asking each person to name two important character traits they look for in a person with whom they would cultivate a close relationship. Then answer the following question: How have you expressed those traits in your relationship with God as a member of His church?

### *Digging Deeper*

2. **Individual Personality:** Read 1 Corinthians 12: 1-4; Romans 12:3-8
  - a. Your individual personality is crystallized in the church.
  - b. Looking at the 1 Corinthians passage, what part of the body do you most identify with and why?
  - c. What service to the body do you enjoy providing most?
  - d. If you knew that you couldn't fail, what great thing would you attempt for God?
  - e. If you don't know your spiritual gifts, you can take the spiritual gifts test found at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/giftstest/>.

3. **Moral Mirror:** Read 2 Timothy 2:15
  - a. Our moral mirror is polished by service to God within His body.
  - b. How would engaging in service to Jesus' body help you with your struggle against sin?
  
4. **Authority to Rule:** Read 2 Timothy 2:4
  - a. Your authority to rule is exercised in the church.
  - b. Do you think you are fulfilling your ministry capacity at this point in time?
  - c. What would have to change in your life to fulfill your current potential?
  
5. **God's Friend:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:12-21
  - a. God calls us not only to be His friends but to be His ambassadors.
  - b. What group of people has God given you the most authority to speak into their lives on His behalf?
  - c. How can you leverage your influence in a greater way for God's Kingdom?
  
6. **Eternal Spirit:** Read Mark 16:15
  - a. We are assigned to convey an eternal message.
  - b. Who are you currently building a relationship for the expressed purpose of sharing the gospel?
  - c. Who are you praying for to respond to the gospel?
  - d. When was the last time you shared the gospel with someone? What happened?

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

7. Over the next two weeks will you visit the "Do Something" ministry fair and sign up for a ministry? If you have already taken the ministry step, will you encourage and escort someone who needs to take the next step in getting involved?