

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“A.W.C.I.P.A”

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group leaders are you encouraging your group members to join the Rock Army? Your group can catch the vision of becoming a part of a movement that encourages people to become World-Class Christians. To join, check out the ARMY requirements at [www.therocksandiego.org/army/](http://www.therocksandiego.org/army/)

We want to encourage you and your group to take time to get out and serve in the community. This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference and connect with your small group. Give us a call if you need some ideas.

We also want to remind you to continue to submit your online reports. This is a great tool so you can communicate with us so we can answer any questions you have and be in prayer for you and your group. Keep up the good work.

## 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.. May God work through your prayers mightily!*

**Reaching the Lost:** Pray that all the small groups continue to develop relationships with those who are far from God, and invite them to their small groups.

**Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups:** Pray that all of our Small Groups take time to follow up on all the new people trying to get into small groups.

**Potential Small Group Leaders:** Pray that our current leaders continue to give their ministry away and develop future leaders to reach their full potential in Jesus.

**The Rock Body:** Pray that the Rock Army grows deeper and deeper in accountability to one another.

## MEMORY VERSE

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6-7*

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This week I am celebrating 5 years of marriage. Over this short period of time, the one thing that I’ve learned is how important communication is to a healthy relationship. I have learned to monitor our marriage by how deep and vulnerable our conversations are. When I am closed off and not engaging in conversation, I find that the depth of our relating to each other is lessened. Theologian Dallas Willard says this about prayer in his book “Spirit of the Disciplines”:

“Prayer is conversing, communicating with God. When we pray we talk to God, aloud or within our thoughts. In the nature of the case, prayer almost always involves other disciplines and spiritual activities if it is to go well, especially study, meditation, and worship, and often solitude and fasting as well.”

As a kid I thought that prayer was formal and needed to be read in a book like the hymns we sang, but as I’ve grown closer to Christ, I realize that this is very static and doesn’t invite God into my life. Just like my marriage, my relationship with God can be measured with how well I communicate with Him... prayer. We all know that God knows everything, but until I’m willing to be completely vulnerable and open myself up to Him, our relationship will be hindered. I desire to live a life of complete surrender to God, and that requires complete honesty with Him.

### ***A- Adoration/Admire***

1. Read Mary’s prayer/song in Luke 1:46-55. Of the attributes of God that Mary expressed, which ones do you appreciate the most? Which ones challenge you the most? Why?

2. Where did God show up in Mary’s life according to the prayer? Where is God showing up in your life? Spend time having each person in the group pray a sentence of adoration to God for who He is in their life right now.

### ***W- Waiting***

How often do you listening to God? When was the last time you really heard God’s voice? What did he say? How did you respond?

### ***C- Confession***

Read Psalm 51. This was written by David after he was confronted by Nathan when he committed adultery with Bathsheba. When was the last time you were this broken and honest to God about your sins? What do you need to confess today? What do we need to confess as a church? As a nation?

### ***I- Intercession***

Read Genesis 18:16-33. Whom is God calling you to intercede for as Abraham did? What enemy does God want you to be praying for? What ministry can you as a group spend focused time praying for tonight?

### ***P- Petition***

Read Psalm 13. When was the last time you were brutally honest with God about your feelings and thoughts? If God could answer one prayer right now, what would you have Him grant in your personal life?

***A- Adoration/Admire***

Close the meeting praising God again. Take time going around adoring Him.