

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Your Basic Rock”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This fall we are kicking off a huge church wide campaign! The campaign is going to launch in late September and will lead right up the elections in November and will be a “full court press” for all Rock Church attendees. We will be having a marriage seminar, parenting workshops, relationships classes and guest speakers on Sunday along with Miles bringing the Word. The small groups department will have 3 different curriculums that will align with everything else the church is doing. We know that God desires us to be pursuing purity and holiness and our goal is that this campaign will continue the process with everyone that chooses to participate. We want to ask you to join us during this six week campaign by going through one of the 3 curriculums shown below. We are expecting great things to happen as we come together as the church united under one purpose.

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/

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!

iProtect Marriage Campaign: Pray for our upcoming fall season. Pray that God provides the host homes for the groups we are going to start for the six week campaign and also for God to stretch us as a church as we pursue Him together.

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

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”

Acts 1:8

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Sunday’s service was incredible. It was great hearing testimonies of God’s faithfulness and pursuit of the three interviewees. I never get tired of hearing how people surrender to God and align their hearts to His. Testimonies are the greatest tool we have when talking with unchristians. Arguments and logical debates aren’t as important as what God has done in your life; and the truth is that no one can deny your testimony either.

Today we are going to spend time connecting as a group and sharing our testimonies. Everyone that has professed Christ as Lord has a testimony, and nobody has a weak testimony. We were all saved from our sinfulness and the fact that God rescued you is powerful. Our desire is that this time of sharing will deepen the relationships in your small group and help you to encourage each other to continue the journey as you pursue to love and know God daily.

Save: Your life before Christ

- What was it like for you growing up/ childhood/ family?
- What struggles/ pains did you face prior to following Christ?
- What were major turning points in your life that led you to Him?

Equip: Your growth in Christ

- Since coming to Christ, how have you been growing in your knowledge and love of Him?
- What are you currently doing to equip yourself?
- Where does God want you surrender control in your life now so that He can grow you?
- How are you getting in the way of God’s work in you?

Send: Sharing Christ

- Tell the group of a time you shared the gospel to someone (even if they didn’t respond to it). How did you feel prior to sharing? What led you to begin sharing in the first place?
- How do you daily share Christ with others (verbally and nonverbally)? In which ways does your life represent God positively? What areas in your life don’t give a “good testimony” to others?
- What can your small group do to begin sharing Christ with others (either verbally or nonverbally).