

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BASICS

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Pastor Miles McPherson – 12 April 2015

Happy Birthday Rock Church, 15 years and growing (the Kingdom)! Pastor Miles reminded us of the Rock Church Mission is to Save, Equip, and Send. We are encouraged and admonished to stay on fire in God's presence and make an even greater impact in our city, our streets.

MEMORY VERSES

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

DISCUSSION STARTERS

TAKE A FEW MINUTES ::

[1] Have everyone in the group share how long they have been attending the Rock Church and what initially brought them to the Rock.

THINK BACK TO A TIME WHEN ::

Think back to a time when you were given a school assignment or maybe a work project that appeared to be too great for you.

[1] How did you handle the assignment or project?

For example, did you get a mentor, tutor, join a study group or ask your boss to coach you – or did you struggle alone and try to figure it out by yourself? What was the end result?

NOTE to LIFE Group leader – This past Sunday a video was shown depicting some of the highlights of what God has been doing in the Rock the past 15 years. You have been part of something extraordinary over the years and this video shows how God exceeded expectations and overcame obstacles that seemed impossibly to some.

We'd like you to play the video (9 minutes) for your group right now, and if you have a TV/computer with Internet access that's great, or you do it family style and huddle around a cell phone/ tablet.

If for whatever reason you are unable to play this link for all to see, ask the group to view video at home. <http://www.sdrock.com/stories/15yearanniversary/>



At the beginning of the video, Pastor Miles stated *every which way someone can be lost we want to create a ministry to reach them*. As we've shared in our LIFE Group – we all found a ton of ways to get lost before Jesus. AND we all have people in our lives that still need Jesus!

As we just watched the video did seeing what God has been doing over the past 15 years inspire you?

Did watching the video stir up any feelings, any thoughts, any passions? Maybe you felt God tugging on your heart about a ministry opportunity, if so what is God stirring up inside you?

TAKE A FEW MINUTES ::

- [1] Share how participating in this LIFE Group has helped to develop and mature your relationship with Jesus?
- [2] Has anyone ever struggled with 'serving more or increasing participation' besides attending services on Sundays?
- [3] What are some ways you feel our LIFE Group could begin to make a difference serving together? Ask someone to grab out a piece of paper and begin to write some of the things down.

STUDY QUESTIONS

READ: Matthew 28:18-20

- [1] Jesus said He has "All Authority"!
By knowing this truth how does it impact your thinking or your identity as a Christian?
- [2] If Jesus lives in us what does that say about the authority we have?
- [3] According to v.19 and the sermon this past Sunday; what do you think our mission is as followers of Jesus?
- [4] As you think about your life as a Christian so far – how important has the "Great Commission" been to you?
- [5] In your life how have you been putting into action the Great Commission?
- [6] Pastor Miles mentioned, "Each one of us should be taught by someone. We all should be teaching (ministering) to someone as well."
Share who has been an effective teacher in your Christian life?
What has made them so impactful to you?
- [7] Take a few minutes and share about someone that you are currently ministering/teaching.
OR maybe share about someone God has placed on your heart to teach/love/encourage.
Break into groups (2 or 3), briefly share about some people God has put on your heart.
- [8] At the end of v.20, what promise does Jesus make to us?
How do you feel this gives us courage and hope as we put the Great Commission into action?



PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Earlier we talked about some ways our LIFE Group could begin to make a difference serving together? Take a few minutes and read over that list, did anything else come to mind? Spend a few minutes in prayer – asking God to make clear some simple ways you can begin to make a difference as a LIFE Group this week.

TAKE IT HOME!

This week grab a 3 x 5 card and write out Matthew 28:19-20

19 *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Then at the bottom of the 3 x 5 card write the words *SAVE - EQUIP – SEND*

Place this card somewhere you will see it everyday during the week: on your bathroom mirror, on your refrigerator, on your dashboard, on your desk, on your phone, etc.

Every day (as often as you see this 3 x 5 card) – read these verses... memorize these words!

During this week ask God to show you some ways he may be moving you to make an impact. Pray for direction and guidance what your next steps should be.

