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1. Announcements

- a. **Married Couples Retreat** - It is official, the Rock Marriage Retreat is coming!
 - **Who:** Married Couples
 - **Where:** La Quinta Resort in Palm Desert
 - **When:** July 9-11
 - **Cost** - \$250 Per Couple
 - **Space is limited so get ready to register!**
- b. **Facilitator Reports** - Please submit a Facilitator Report each week. Feel free to delegate this to a responsible member of your group!

2. Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 15:17 - "And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"

3. Discussion Questions

- 1) Examine the memory verse for this week (**1 Cor 15:17**)
 - a. What proof do you have that Christ rose? (**Mt 28, Mk 16, Lk 24, Jn 20**)
 - b. Why is our faith based on Christ rising from the dead? (**1 Cor 15**)
 - c. Why would we still be in our sins had Christ not risen?
- 2) Why do you think the disciples kept falling asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus was praying? (**Luke 14:32-42**)
 - a. What could have changed in that story had they stayed awake?
 - b. Is it possible you are spiritually sleeping through one of the most important times of your life?
 - c. How can you spiritually stay awake?
- 3) Judas sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (**Matthew 26:14-16**)
 - a. How many times do we sell out that which is right for something that is of the world? Ex: Time in the word vs. tv; Church or Small Groups vs. Happy hour, etc.
 - b. Think of the Victory Judas could have had in his life...instead he chose to sell out Jesus.
 - i. What have you done in the past to sell out Jesus?
 - ii. What finally happened to Judas? Why? (**Mt 27:1-10**)
- 4) Read Acts 1.
 - a. The gift that the Father had promised was the Holy Spirit, had the disciples ever heard of this? (**Lk 24:49, Jn 14:26, Jn 15:26-27, Jn 16:12-13**).
 - b. The disciples were given the task of witnessing in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth, but they were not equipped yet to do this until they had been given the Holy Spirit.
 - i. What tasks have you attempted to do without all of the essential tools from God?
 - ii. What happens when you attempt these tasks without the help and favor from God?
 - iii. How can you know if God is calling you to the tasks you are considering?
 - c. In **Acts 1:23-26**, the disciples chose Matthias to replace Judas.
 - i. What were the steps they took to discern the will of God in this situation?
 - ii. What can you learn from this process that can be applied to your life?

