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1. Announcements

We REALLY need people to volunteer for the Great Thanksgiving Outreach. If you can help, please call Carolyn York at 619-226-7625 and sign up!

- a. **The Great Thanksgiving Outreach 2004!** - The Rock Small Groups Ministry has adopted the San Diego Rescue Mission this Thanksgiving Season. To support them, we are recruiting 350 people to assist in various capacities:

Team 1 - Thanksgiving Banquet

The Thanksgiving Banquet is designed to feed 1000 homeless people between the hours of 2:00PM and 5:00PM. You need to arrive at 1:00 for station assignment.

Here is the staffing need for this team:

<u>Title of Position</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>
Food Servers	50
Usher/ Greeters	15
Kitchen Staff	25
Clothing Sorters	5
Food sorters	5
Barbers/ Hair Stylists	5-10
Manicurists/ Pedicurists	5-10

Team 2 - Special Operations Groups

The Special Operations Groups will go to pre-defined locations thorough the city. We will send people out in groups of three, with approximately 5 meals and a list of resources to assist with sharing the Gospel with the homeless. There will be a mandatory orientation for the Special Operations Team at 12PM at the Rescue Mission on Nov. 20, before the Banquet begins.

Here is the staffing need for this team:

<u>Title of Position</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>
Special Operations Groups	150

Donations - Donations will be accepted on the day of the event at the San Diego Rescue Mission.

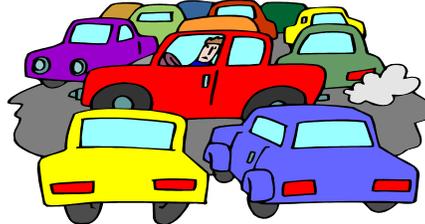
Turkey vouchers, backpacks, towels, diapers, t-shirts, socks, phone cards, bus tokens

- b. **Community Leaders/ Coaches** - Please take time to contact the people/groups you are shepherding this week. It is critical that we make connections, and find out how we can minister and provide assistance. If you are unsure of who you are coaching, or who your coach is, you can e-mail Melissa at melissak@therocksandiego.org, or Carolyn at carolyny@therocksandiego.org



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- c. **New Series Starting Soon:** Do you want to make great friends? Is it time to take another step forward in your relationship with God? The second Life Together series, "Developing Your Shape to Serve Others," begins **November 14!** Get connected. For more information, contact Carolyn at x247 or carolyny@therocksandiego.org.
- d. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! TO SERVE IN THE PARKING LOT MINISTRY!!**



To sign up or for more information
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- e. **Dunamis:** Tuesday, **November 30**, an incredible, Spirit-filled time of worship and corporate prayer for the Rock church. Don't miss Dunamis! We meet from 7-9 PM at First Assembly of God, **8404 Phyllis Place**. For more information, contact **Suzanne Lederer** at the church office.
- f. **The Rock University - Volunteers/Interns Needed:** For more information, please contact **Pastor Kyle Osland** at the church office.
- g. **Sisters in Christ:** Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM, **November 1-December 6**. All women are welcome. A special time for the women of the Rock to worship, pray, study God's Word, share testimonies, and enjoy fellowship. Childcare provided. **6866 Linda Vista Rd**. For details, contact Karen at jkarenstevens@att.net.
- h. **Children's Ministry - We Need Volunteers:** The Children's Ministry is looking for passionate and dedicated people to teach the Word of God to children of the Rock. For more information, contact **Amy Evangelista** (amye@therocksandiego.org) at the church office.
- i. **Prison Ministry:** Are you interested in ministering to the incarcerated? Attend a monthly orientation for Donovan State Prison on **November 7, or December 6**. For details, contact Roger Ziegler at 619.475.7343 or 619.813.6188.

2. Memory Verse

Exodus 16:8b - "Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord"

3. Discussion Questions

- 1) Read **Exodus 15:2**
 - a) "The Lord is my strength and song"
 - 1) How would you explain this to a friend?
 - 2) What does this mean for you today? As a hint a person of faith may regard the living and omnipotent God as the reason for singing.



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- a) When we worship, why exactly do we worship? Is it because we like the song, or is it because of what God has done in our lives. Discuss some of the reasons we sing.
 - b) “And He has become my salvation” **Ps 118:14; Is 12:2**
 - 1) What just happened to the Israelites that would make them sing this portion of the song?
 - 2) If God was able to deliver them from the Egyptians, under the difficult circumstances, is he able to deliver you from your circumstances? ()
 - c) “He is my God, and I will praise Him”
 - 1) Although there are many words for “praise” in the Bible, the original Hebrew verb is unique in that it means “to bring God beauty”. (**Heb 13:15**)
 - a) How can you bring God beauty today?
 - b) What can you do in your life differently today that will truly praise God (Assuming this definition)?
 - 2) “He is my fathers God, and I will exalt Him”
 - 1) Who were the fathers that are being referred to here? (**Gen 22**)
 - 2) What does it mean to exalt God?
- 2) Read **Exodus 15:22-27**
- a) How many days had they traveled before they ran out of water? (**verse 22**)
 - b) Do you think they were still humming the songs of victory they were just singing in the beginning of **Exodus 15**?
 - 1) Do we do this in our relationships with God? Do we watch God do something ABSELOUTELY INCREDIBLE, then complain 5 minutes later when something does not go our way? Why?
 - 2) In **verse 24**, the verb that is translated complain, is not as strong as later “complaints”, but may be better translated as “murmur”.
 - a) What is your definition of murmur? (**Ex 16:2, Num 14:2, Num 16:11, Num 17:5**)
 - 3) In **verse 27**, we read about 12 wells of water, and 70 palm trees. Discuss the following:
 - a) Many times the Bible compared wells and springs to salvation. (**Ps. 1, Gen 16:6-8, Dt 8:6-8, Is 58:10-12, Jn 4:13-15**)
 - b) Many times the Bible also compares Palm trees to blessing. (**Lev 23:40, 1 Kings 6:29-35, Ps. 1, Ps 92:12, Jn 12:12-14**)
- 3) Read **Exodus 16:1-5**
- a) The Israelites have been traveling for 2 months, go back and think through all that has happened in two months...
 - 1) If God has already delivered them from the Egyptians, AND given them water, why could they not see that provision of food would have been an easy task for God?
 - a) Do we do the same thing when we do not trust God, or we loose faith in Him?
 - b) How do we combat these feelings?



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- b) It is very interesting that they were afraid of dying of hunger...
 - 1) Have you read that anyone in Israel had died of hunger prior to this? What basis did they have to make this claim of God?
 - 2) After watching the incredible things God had done since they left Egypt, would you have had the same worry? Do you worry about similar things today in your life?
- c) In **verse 4**, God mentions that He will test the Israelites. The verb translated tests does not mean to tempt one to fail, but to prove what one really is? (What they are about or what they are made up of).
 - 1) Has God ever tested you in this way?
 - 2) How would we do if we were tested in this way today?
- 4) Read **Exodus 16:10**
 - a) "The Glory of the Lord" - What do you think this looked like? (**John 4:24**)
 - b) A *Theophany* is an appearance of God. What other appearances do you know about thus far in the Bible? (**Ex 3, Ps 97:2-5**)
- 5) About manna...Read **Exodus 16:11-36**
 - a) **Ex 16:16** says that there will be "sufficient bread for everyone".
 - 1) God provides for each man according to his need, have you ever been in need, and God did not provide?
 - 2) Define the word need in the context of this scripture.
 - a) What do we really need...and what do we want...and what do we think we deserve...? How does this verse put this into context?
 - b) **Ex 16:22-26**, they were instructed to collect enough manna for 2 days on the sixth day to not work on the seventh or Sabbath.
 - 1) Why was the Sabbath important for the Israelites? (**Ex 20:8-11**)
 - 2) Why is the Sabbath important to us?
 - 3) When God says do no work on the Sabbath, what exactly does that mean? (**Lev 25:2, Ez 20:13, Acts 13:44**)
- 6) A leadership nugget...Read **Exodus 17:8-16**
 - a) What can we learn through the actions of Aaron and Hur?
 - 1) How can we translate this into things we can do for the church, workplace or home?
 - 2) How did their action forever change their lives, and the lives of the Israelites?
 - 3) How would you describe this lesson to a friend?
- 7) Leadership lesson #2...Read **Exodus 18**
 - a) If you average the Israelites to being close to 2 million people, even if one percent had an issue that is close to 20,000 people who had issues...no wonder he sat from morning to evening.
 - 1) At this point, what is wrong with this picture?
 - 2) How do you think Moses got into this mess?
 - b) What was his father in law's suggestion? (**Ex 18:17-23**)
 - 1) How does Jethro define an able man? (**18:21**)
 - 2) What can you learn from this?
 - c) What was Moses' response? (**18:24-27**)
 - 1) What can we learn from his response, that can be translated into our workplace, church or home?

