

S**MALL** G**ROUP** Q**UESTIONS**

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A**NNOUNCEMENTS**

New Leaders: If it's time for you to step into a leadership role with small groups (Facilitator or Host), please join us on **Sunday, September 18** at 1:30 PM in the back of the Sanctuary. This training is required for all potential and or new leaders. Please RSVP to carolyn@therocksandiego.org or 619.226.7625 x247.

Men of the Rock: Mark your calendars for **September 16-18**. You're invited to our annual retreat, "Every Great Man, Warrior, Wounded Son and Worshipper"! Don't miss this weekend to get refreshed and refueled! Register on Sunday after service or email menoftherock@therocksandiego.org.

Now Hiring: The Rock Academy is hiring two teachers for our middle school. The position offers 100% medical insurance and the pay range is \$28-30k. Interested applicants must have a B.A. and either have (or are in the process of obtaining) teaching credential. Resume and cover letters may be sent to Dr. Richard Andujo at richarda@therockacademy.org.

Opportunity to Lead Worship: Luv-em-Up, the Rock's ministry for disabled adults, meets every Monday night for Bible study at Calvary Chapel Lakeside. Approximately 50-75 people attend each week and they love praising God through song. Perfect voices and skills are not required. If you can volunteer, even just once or twice a month, contact Bobby & Rosie Yates at 619.312.0174 or ryatessd@yahoo.com.

Memory Verse: *"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* 1 Peter 2:5

Prayer: Please pray for next month's Men of the Rock Retreat. Pray for God's anointing over the speaker, James DeMelo. Pray that the men of our church would have a desire to attend, be open to hearing what God has for them, and they would apply it to their lives. Pray that finances will not be a hindrance for any man wanting to attend. Pray for the leadership, that they would find rest over the retreat weekend and that they would slow down and hear from God as well.

Connect:

1. Did you find some of God's promises in His Word this past week? Share a verse you found (and hopefully memorized) to encourage others in your group.

Grow:

Catechism #82 *"...the Church, to whom the transmission and interpretation of Revelation is entrusted, does not derive her certainty about all revealed truths from the holy Scriptures alone. Both the Scriptures and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence."*

2. What are some of our traditions that assist us in walking with God? Are these traditions essential or simply aids to a closer walk with God?

3. How do we, personally, avoid, setting our tradition above the commandment of God? (Matt. 15:1-9)

Catechism #936 *"The Lord made St. Peter the visible foundation of his Church. He entrusted the keys of the Church to him. The bishop of the Church of Rome, successor to Saint Peter, is head of the college of bishops, the Vicar of Christ and Pastor of the universal Church on earth."*

4. Who acts as the bridge between God and humanity? (Hebrews 7:23-25)
5. What are some of the benefits to us in having Christ as our High Priest? (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Catechism #934 *"Among the Christian faithful by divine institution there exists in the Church sacred ministers."*

Catechism #1442 *"But he (Christ) entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to apostolic ministry which he charged with the 'ministry of reconciliation.'"*

6. Who are the priests of God? What are we to do with this blessing? (I Peter 2:9, I John 2:27)
7. Who has God given the 'ministry of reconciliation' to? (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

Live:

8. Understanding that the ministry of reconciliation is not a "gift" or "talent" we have been given, how will you apply this to your life this week?