

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Extreme Home Takeover Quiz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Café

Do you know a young adult who doesn't fit in your group or who can't make it because of schedule issues??? Can you refer them to the new small group café for young adults? We are meeting Sunday nights, 5:15-6:45 PM in the Youth Center. 9179 Aero Dr., 92123 (across the parking lot from the Sanctuary); we will be meeting for 7 weeks.

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Support np3 by sponsoring the cost of a seat. Sponsorship is \$300 and can be done online at www.rocknp3.org. For more information, contact Susan at 619.226.7625 x285.

Women's Retreat

Join us in Murrieta Hot Springs, August 10-12, as we fellowship with speaker Laurie Cole and celebrate the theme "There is a Season." For more information or to register, log onto www.therocksandiego.org/ministries/womens.

For all other Rock events, please go <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

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. And if you'd like to be added to our Pastor's Prayer Team(s), just let us know. John Dehnert, Mark Collins, or Paul Garrison, our small group pastors, would love your prayers! We send out a monthly email of their personal and ministry prayer requests. Just contact Andy Rodgers at andy@therocksandiego.org. May God work through your prayers mightily!

Reaching the Lost: Can you pray that God would continue to give you and your small group opportunities to share Jesus with those far from Him? Pray for the courage and wisdom to know how to build relationships with them.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: Can you also pray for the new group leaders (courage, confidence, and wisdom in leading)? Please pray that the Lord would encourage them, especially if they have been having a low turn out to their group.

Potential Small Group Leaders: We've been averaging over 60 people for the Tuesday night Foundations in Leadership Class over the last three weeks, this is so exciting! Can you pray that they'd stick with it for the next five weeks of the class? Can you also pray that God would be preparing them to become leaders this September?

Small Group Staff: Can you continue praying for the upcoming trainings we'll be delivering over the next couple of months (preparation, materials, and that the room/sound/set-up details would come together)? Can you also pray for the new "Young Adult Café" that we kicked off this past Sunday? There was a pretty low turn out but we know that there are people who need to be there and need biblical community more than anything right now. Pray that they would find out about the café, that they would spread the word about the café and that their lives would be blessed by it.

MEMORY VERSE

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid or dismayed, for the Lord your god is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – – "LIFE LESSONS FROM JOSHUA"

His early life would give neither little indication nor hint of the great man he would become. Joshua's forefathers were slaves. Spanning four centuries, Joshua's ancestors had lived in Egypt, much of that time in bitter bondage. Born with no possibility of freedom or education, the thought of a stellar military career must have seemed ludicrous to the young stonecutter. Yet, he became a victorious general and even more importantly, a dynamic spiritual leader. Yet, the key Joshua's success was not found in his abilities or opportunities. Nor was it found in his character, though that was of sterling quality. The key was not found in Joshua at all. It was found in God.

Although Joshua couldn't always choose his circumstances, he did choose his response to them. His early life could have been viewed from the perspective of abandonment. Joshua's father, though named is never described. There is no record of Joshua being taught by his father. Joshua surely saw those he loved whipped and beaten. Certainly as a teenager he was mocked and ridiculed by the Egyptian boys who passed by his worksite. He must have been called every "Egyptian name in the book" before he reached adulthood. How did Joshua keep hope alive? While Egyptian young men dreamed of being war heroes, or victorious generals did Joshua dare to imagine that his life could have any meaning? As we wrap up our study of the book of Joshua, let's spend some time together looking at some life lessons that we can glean from this man of God.

Getting Started

1. Spend some time as a group discussing some of Joshua's character traits that you most admire. What are some of the circumstances that God used to develop these attributes?
2. Read Genesis 49:22-26. These verses are a prophecy of Jacob that an ancestor of Joseph (which Moses and Joshua fulfilled) would rise up and receive bountiful blessings. Has God given you scriptural promises that you are still holding on to that have yet to be fulfilled? Would you share these promises with those in the group?

Digging Deeper

3. Joshua was obedient to God. Can you give some examples of Joshua's obedience? In the examples listed below, what were some of the obstacles that stood in Joshua's way to be obedient to God?

- a. Numbers 14:8-10
 - b. Joshua 3:7-10
 - c. Joshua 5:2-8
 - d. Joshua 6:2-5
 - e. Joshua 7:10-15
4. Joshua was faithful. Can you give some examples of Joshua's faithfulness? (For help check out these verses)
- a. God changed his name from Hoshea (He was saved) to Joshua (Yahweh saves) Numbers 13:16. What do you think was the significance of God's action?
 - b. He served Moses diligently (Exodus 17:9-13) What do you think would have happened to Joshua if he grew impatient with Moses' leadership?
 - c. Joshua suffered because of the sins of others (Numbers 13:31-33) Do you have trouble suffering for sins you didn't commit? How did God reward Joshua's faithfulness?
 - d. Joshua kept his word (Josh. 6:17, 22-25).
5. Joshua enjoyed the presence of God.
- a. Joshua meditated on God's Word (Josh. 1:7-8).
 - b. Joshua took time to worship (Josh. 8:30-35).
 - c. Joshua waited on God (Josh. 3:1; 6:12; 7:16; 8:10).
 - d. Joshua prayed (Josh. 7:10-15).
6. Joshua was a man of faith
- a. He believed God for the miraculous (Josh. 11:16)
 - b. He asked God for the miraculous (Josh. 10:12-13)
7. Joshua was a man of influence
- a. Joshua influenced his family (Josh. 24:15)
 - b. Joshua influenced the people (Josh 1:16-18)
 - c. Joshua influenced the future (compare Joshua 6:26 with 1Kings 16:34)
 - d. Joshua had influence with God (Josh. 10:11)

Bringing it Home

8. After examining the life of Joshua go around the circle and tell the person on your left a trait they have in common with Joshua.
9. Spend some discussing as a group some of the character traits that Joshua had that you would love for God to develop in you. What would be the cost of this development? Pray for each other to have the courage to seek God's will in your lives

