

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group leaders are you encouraging your group members to join the Rock Army? Your group can catch the vision of becoming a part of a movement that encourages people to become World-Class Christians. To join, check out the ARMY requirements at www.therocksandiego.org/army/

We want to encourage you and your group to take time to get out and serve in the community. This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference and connect with your small group. Give us a call if you need some ideas.

We also want to remind you to continue to submit your online reports. This is a great tool so you can communicate with us so we can answer any questions you have and be in prayer for you and your group. Keep up the good work.

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.. May God work through your prayers mightily!

Reaching the Lost: Pray that all the small groups continue to develop relationships with those who are far from God, and invite them to their small groups.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: Pray that all of our Small Groups take time to follow up on all the new people trying to get into small groups.

Potential Small Group Leaders: Pray that our current leaders continue to give their ministry away and develop future leaders to reach their full potential in Jesus.

The Rock Body: Pray that the Rock Army grows deeper and deeper in accountability to one another.

MEMORY VERSE

"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, and reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – “Do you want to be healed?”

Getting Started

1. Why do you think people assume that life is going to get easier once they become a Christian?

Pain is an inevitable part of life, and though we can accept that intellectually, our hearts resist surrendering to it. “Where is God when it hurts?” is a familiar question in the Christian community and we come up with various eloquent answers. But what is true in your life?

2. When life brings unbearable pain, where do you place God in your life?

Digging Deeper:

3. What **Pain** defines your life?

Chris said, “Our life is going at 75 mph and we miss God’s truth. He wants us to face it HEAD ON, rather than skirt around it.”

4. What do you do (behaviors) to skirt around God’s truth?
5. What excuses do you make to skirt around God’s plan for you?

Jeremiah 29:11

In reading this verse, we find that God speaks great promise into our lives, but as Chris described, “Pain is all too consuming and crippling.” So the question is, “**Do you want to be healed?**” Do you want to experience God **within** your pain? Are you holding on to it as a trophy of what you’re **entitled** to? Where is God in your pain? Do you think He is waiting for it to go away? Or for you to cleanse *yourself*? No.

He is *in* you. Feeling it *with* you. When you are on your knees, He is next you. He is holding you when the pain is too crippling to stand. But He wants to *use* you. Use your pain. Will you hoard it or share it?

Do you want to be healed?

6. What action steps will you take this week to surrender your life defining pain?