

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Bubbles Part III

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MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Small Group Staff: Pray that God gives us the favor and wisdom to rebuild the Small Group team. Ask Him to order our steps in every decision we make.

The Rock Body: Pray that the Rock Army grows deeper and deeper in the stewardship of their lives in Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

Matthew 7:11

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – ARE YOU A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN?

One of the sweetest things to hear from children is the questions they ask. At about the age of three and four children begin to learn how to form complete sentences and one of the best ways they practice speaking is by asking questions. At this age they ask lots of them. Besides the questions they ask for general knowledge children have a lot of things they ask their parents for. These may range from simple favors to expensive items. Parents delight in being able to answer the questions their children ask and where possible supply the requests the children make. Jesus talking about how much parents like to give good things to their children taught that our heavenly Father delights in giving us good things, saying “how much more will your father in heaven give good things to those who ask Him” – Matthew 7:11.

Getting Started

How would you answer your 4 year old child if she woke you up at 11.00 PM and asked that you immediately provide the following things and favors?

Item	Yes	No	Tomorrow	Maybe
A glass of water	X			
A new toy				

Watch a favorite cartoon movie				
A walk in the park				
Sleep on your bed				
Ice cream				
A cup of coffee				
French fries				
Ask you question about what she learned in school that day				
What to wear the following morning				
A new set of beddings				

Digging Deeper: Read 1 Kings 18:19 to 38

- a) Review verse 21. What is “halting between two opinions”?
 - a. Did you “halt between two opinions” before giving your life to Christ?
 - b. What is wrong with “halting between two opinions”? (Revelations 3:16)
- b) Review 1 Kings 18: 23, 24.
 - a. Was Elijah advantaged in having the prophets of Baal go first in calling for the fire?
 - b. How would it have been different if he went first?
- c) Several things happened to remove any advantage on the part of Elijah or doubts that God answered by fire.
 - i. The prophets of Baal providing the bulls – vs. 23
 - ii. The prophets of Baal going first
 - iii. The prophets getting to pick which bull they would pray over – vs.25
 - iv. Prophets of Baal getting all morning to call on their gods – vs.26, 27
 - v. Elijah’s sacrifice bull being doused in water three times – vs. 34
 - b. Think about something God has recently done for you or someone you know.
 - i. What are circumstances of that miracle that leave no doubt that God did it?
 - ii. List the circumstances that prove that it was God answering the prayer.
- d) Review verse 36. Elijah told God in the public hearing the benefit of Him answering his prayer.
 - a. Why did Elijah ask God to answer his prayer? Vs.36
 - b. How was that answer going to benefit those prophets and all his audience?
 - c. When God answers prayer it makes Him “look good”. Can someone in the group tell how a recently answered prayer has glorified God in you and people around you?
- e) Review verse 37. Elijah displayed confidence that God would answer him.
 - a. How can we display confidence by what we say and do that God would answer us?
 - b. Answered prayer is what makes praying real and worth doing. Are we confident that God answers ALL prayers? What takes away that confidence?
 - c. Is it possible to make a prayer that we do not expect God to answer?
 - d. What is the greatest thing we get out of prayer?

Bringing it Home

- a) Once the apostle Peter had been put in jail and the church came together to pray for his release. God miraculously freed him and he went to the house where the church was praying. Knocking on the door a young girl named Rhoda answered the door but did not open. She told the praying Christians that Peter had been released. The church did not

believe her and reprimanded her saying she was “mad” and had only seen his angel. The church did not appear to have been expecting God answer them. Acts 12:1-17.

- a. How will you display your expectation for your prayer to be answered?
- b. How could a log of answered prayers benefit you and those around you?
- c. How will you plan on your prayers being answered?
- d. Pray for something tonight that you will expect God to answer.