

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

THE SOURCE - I

Good or Great – Genesis 12:1-3

Pastor Miles McPherson – November 4, 2012



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <http://www.sdrock.com/events/>.
2. If you are still rusty with Groups 2.0, or are not using it at all, please check out our video tutorials on Leader Central that will walk you through the process. Moving forward it is important that we are all using the system effectively. Please contact john.darrow@sdrock.com or jason.mayer@sdrock.com if you have any further questions.
3. If you know somebody that is interested in stepping up to lead a Community Group please have them go to <http://www.sdrock.com/communitygroups/lead/> to fill out an application to get started today!

MEMORY VERSE

“How then will they call on him whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’”(Romans 10:14-15 ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Review the Sunday Message
 1. Do you want to be a source of eternal salvation? _____
 2. Do you want to be a source of encouragement for spiritual growth? _____
 3. Do you want to be a source of ministry? _____



COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS – THE SOURCE, PART ONE

Message Review and Introduction

This week we kicked off our sermon series entitled The Source. This means that because of God's blessing us, we in turn are to become a blessing to other people. Specifically, in the context of the "SAVE, EQUIP, SEND" mission of the Rock, telling people about Jesus is at the center of this blessing requirement.

Over the next few weeks, Pastor Miles is going to unpack for us the life of Abraham and how he was called out by God to be blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:2). Of course, Genesis 12:1-3 tells us that Abraham will be the father of many nations and tribes, and we see throughout the Old Testament the fulfillment of that will be in Jesus. As Jesus is the gospel, the long awaited redeemer of the people of Israel, the blessing actually continues past Jesus' ascension in Acts 1:8 where Luke tells us, "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The disciples we called to be witnesses (or testify) of the risen Jesus and all he taught and commanded. We are recipients of this through the description as laid out in Scripture. So how do we do this and what does it look like? Paul gives us a direction that the way people hear the good news is through a "preacher" and the preacher can only do this well if they are sent out (Rom. 10:14-15).

As The Source we need to do two things according to Paul:

1. Preach the gospel
2. Be sent out

Potential learning outcomes for your group:

- Understand and articulate what "preaching" really means in our modern context.
- What does being "sent out" mean for us in our everyday life.

1. What is your personal definition of "preaching?" What exactly does it mean to be a "preacher?"

There is actually a difference between "preaching" and simply "teaching."

- Preaching – Refers to publicly "crying out" or heralding." It is intended to loudly proclaim the gospel indiscriminately whoever is in earshot.
- Teaching – Involves assisting those who have responded to the "canvassing" of the preaching work and are now being taught either individually or in groups.

What do you think about these definitions? Do you see the difference between the two, or only similarities?

2. If we are not "preaching" on a Sunday morning can we still be considered a "preacher" of sorts? Explain.

Note: In 2 Timothy 4:5 Paul states, "As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

- The word evangelist is the word *euangelion*, meaning good news. Based on our definition of preaching, evangelism is the preaching of the gospel of Jesus.
- Doing evangelism, or proclaiming the good news, is by its nature preaching the gospel.



