



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
God in my House - Part 3
LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C's of Small group health:

CONTENT - *biblical, intentional, and conversational*

CONSISTENCY - *regular meetings and interactions with one another*

CARE - *sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement*

CELEBRATION - *celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together*

COMMISSION - *participating in what God is doing now during our lifetime on earth*

CHARACTER - *as a leader - growing in my example for my group*

Ice Breaker (Choose one to answer):

- As a child or teenager, what was the most trouble you ever got in with your parents?
- Who is someone (besides your parents) that impacted your life in a positive way when you were growing up?

Into the Word:

- Pretend you are standing in line with the one of the different persons listed below. What would you be sure to tell them about this weekend's message?
 - A college student who is single.
 - A couple preparing to have their first child.
 - An empty-nester in the church.

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9

- a) To what extent do you see that your faith was shaped by the generation before you? How do you see this in our society? Include both positive and negative examples.
- b) What role does fear play in the family ... for better or for worse?
- c) What concerns are implied in this text for the people of Israel and its future generations?
- d) Look specifically at verses 7-9. How might these verses be applied in 2017?

Apply the Word:

- a) To model trust in God for the next generation, you have to trust God. In what area of your life do you currently trust in something or someone other than your heavenly Father? What can you do to place your trust to God?

b) For parents: share one positive change you want to commit to make in your parenting. How can this group support you and pray for you?

c) For non-parents/church-members: Are you taking responsibility for the next generation? Why or why not? What changes are you committed to making?

d) When Matt said in the sermon to imagine that you had one final conversation & interaction with a member of the next generation, who came to mind? What would you want that interaction to be like? What value(s) would you want to emphasize?

e) As you think about that person you can show up for, what are some practical things you can do to pause to interact with him or her? What would it look like for you to prioritize that person? How can be an echo in their life consistently & creatively?

Prayer Time:

Ask group members to pray over the following:

- The children of the parents in your group.
- The grandkids
- Future children
- Rock Bridge Kids and Rock Bridge Student Ministries
- Our volunteers in these 2 ministries
- The upcoming Student Fall Retreat