



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Happy Days – Part 4
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*

CCARE - *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*

ICEBREAKER: (Choose one)

- What makes you say your time or your day was “wasted?”
- When you have a “bad day”, what do you do to cope with it? (Ex: eat ice cream, watch a movie, eat pizza, go walking, etc.)

INTO THE WORD:

Leader Note: *We will use this discussion and study to not only cover Part 4 of Happy Days, but also to review the entire series.*

1) What challenged you the most about this message? This series?

2) Re-read Philippians 1:9-21

- a) What is it about God's character that keeps Paul from being demoralized, resigned, and defeated while he is in chains?
- b) How does this passage challenge the popular “prosperity” gospel that is prominent in many churches?

Leader Tip: *The prosperity gospel believes that with enough faith God will keep you from adversity and suffering and bring material prosperity and physical health into your life.*

- c) Paul faced opposition from other teachers in the area yet he said, “What does it matter?” (v. 18). Is there an area of your life where you need to say that in light of God's purposes and eternal plan?
- d) What clarity did Paul receive from thinking about death (see vv. 20-24)? What value do you see in thinking about your mortality?

3) Read Hebrews 10:24-25

a) What is the function of a small group/church?

b) How does community help us stay "aimed" and focused on the right things?

Leader Tip: Use these verses to cast vision for your group, celebrate God's work in your group, or challenge your group toward greater faithfulness in the area of biblical community.

4) What one thing are you seeking to apply from this message (or series) where this group might give you support, encouragement, & accountability?

Leader Tip: You may wish to write these things down for you to know how to pray specifically for your group members. You may consider talking about this list and this question again in a few weeks to practice encouragement and accountability with your group members.

PRAYER TIME:

- Consider having each member partner with another group member and exchange prayer requests based on what was shared in the last question. Challenge them to send a note, text, or email in the next few days to offer support and encouragement.