



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Me, My Selfie, and I – Part 1
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*

ICEBREAKER: (Choose one)

- What is the worst deal, trade or purchase you have ever made?

INTO THE WORD:

1) Read Romans 6:3-11

- a) How is 'sin' treated in this passage: as a broken rule? As part of our pre-Christian identity?
- b) What "dies" when we are joined together with Christ?
- c) What is the significance of the resurrection?
- d) How does the resurrection change our everyday life?
- e) In verse 11, we are told to believe (consider) something more than the idea that Christ paid the penalty for our sins. What does this verse teach about living the Christian life?
Leader Teaching Tip: *There are a few key points to emphasize in your group's conversation on Romans 6:3-11:*
 - *Sin is not only behavior but also a condition that is incurable apart from Christ.*
 - *Christ did way more than die for our sins—He rose again to empower us to live new lives (see v. 4b).*
 - *The word "consider" in v. 11 means to "count or reckon"; in other words, to trust and believe that you are dead to sin and alive to God just like you count on the fact of gravity and the fact that 2+2=4.*
 - *Help your group connect these theological concepts to how they live their lives.*

Apply the Word:

- 2) In what area(s) of your life do you tend to be blinded to your focus on yourself?
- 3) In the message, we learned that in Christ, we all have a birthright (Eph. 1:3-6) yet there is also a "bowl" of temptation. What is threatening or tempting you to move away from who you are and what you have in Christ?
- 4) How close are you to accepting this statement: *"Life gets real good when I come to the end of me."*

PRAYER TIME:

{Encourage and model a prayer time of confession in your group. Use the prayer below as a guide but encourage people to be transparent and simply confess how and where they live too much for themselves.}

- *Lord, I confess that I too often make "it" (life, relationships, work, family, church, etc.) all about me. Please forgive me and empower me to live ..."*