



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Me, My Selfie, and I – Part 2
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 is the worst (or best) practical joke played on you or that you've played on someone?
- As a child/young person, who blessed you by how they viewed and encouraged you?

INTO THE WORD:

Leader Tip: Consider having 1-2 people review the sermon series (Parts 1 & 2) for the group.

- 1) After hearing the message, are you looking at "blessing" differently?
- 2) Scripture Activity: Break your group into smaller groups of 2-4 people each. Give each group one of the Scripture listed below, encouraging each group to answer this question, "What does this passage teach about blessing?" After about 10 minutes, allow each group to share their passage and insights with the full group.

James 1:17

John 1:16

Psalms 1:1-3

2 Corinthians 9:8

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Teaching Tip: Be sure to point your group past material, health, and situational blessings. Encourage them to really see and discuss what spiritual blessings are. You might share that in one translation of the Bible (ESV), there are 112 verses that deal with blessings and never in a materialistic context.

- 3) After reading and discussing these verses, how are you encouraged? Challenged? Where might repentance be needed?

Teaching Tip: You could move into a brief prayer time at this point in your group discussion.

APPLY THE WORD:

- 4) In the message, Matt talked about that real blessings brings peace with God, with self and with others ... at the same time. How can this truth make you thankful right now? How does this truth reveal area(s) where you are perhaps seeking the wrong blessing or seeking blessing the wrong way?
- 5) Based on what we have learned so far in this series and discussions, what is causing you to marvel at God or think more deeply or more correctly about Him?
- 6) How is God prompting you to change right now? How can this group support you?

PRAYER TIME:

- Suggestion A: Thank God for Who is and how you are seeing Him more accurately in your life and through His blessing
- Suggestion B: Read Hebrews 12:23. How can you rejoice in this truth and allow this blessing to define your life? Pray that back to God