



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
The God Box – 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*

ICE BREAKER: (Choose one)

- Share something cool that you have found or discovered (i.e.- a four leaf clover; a cave; you saw a bald eagle; etc)
- What would you most hate to lose or be without?

INTO THE WORD:

- 1) What one thing do you most want to remember and apply from this weekend's message?

Read Psalm 139

Teaching Tip: Remember this is a parallel passage of scripture, designed to help model intentional bible study for your group. Personal bible study is critical for our discipleship, so encourage others to read the passage and engage with it.

- 2) What do you most struggle to believe about God from this psalm?
- 3) Discuss this statement in relation to Psalm 139: *When I lack awareness of God, that does not mean God is not present.*
- 4) Find examples in Psalm 139 when David did not expect God's presence but realized God was still there with him.
Teaching Tip: David becomes aware of God ... traveling (v.3); running from God (v. 7); at night (v. 8); when thinking of his future (v. 16); when thinking of his past (v. 16).
- 5) Using the incidents in Psalm 139 as a guide, share some personal stories of how and when you became more aware of God's presence in your life.
- 6) Why is vv. 23-24 important in becoming more aware of God's presence?

APPLY THE WORD:

- 7) What area or situation in your own life are you most likely to doubt God's presence or relevance? Why?
- 8) How is unbelief present in that particular situation? What about God are you not believing or trusting in?

Teaching Tip: Help group members see that they may not believe in God's goodness or wisdom or competence, depending on the situation.

- 9) Using the guide from the sermon, A.I.M.S. talk through these situations and how you can practice and believe in/trust in God's presence wherever you are.

From the Sermon:

ADMIT your helplessness; your dependence on God in everything

IN everything; declare that Christ lives **IN** you and God is with you **IN** everything

MAGNIFY God—His promises, His grace, His presence; desire His glory; seek to make Him bigger & more valuable than anything

SITUATION – bring a specific situation to mind and pray over it, discerning and seeking God

PRAYER: (2 suggested options)

- Pray portions of Psalm 139 aloud, using its truths to inspire specific prayer over the group.
- Use this sentence: God, help me be aware of your presence in _____.