



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
The God Box – 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*

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:

- Share a time when you got stuck somewhere.

INTO THE WORD:

- 1) What part of the message are you wrestling with the most in your life?

Read Philippians 2:12-13 and Matthew 9:9

- 2) How do these verses challenge what people think about Christianity?

- 3) What type of "effort" is encouraged in these 2 passages?

Teaching Tip:

- *In Philippians Paul is encouraging effort not to get saved but to live in accordance with the fact that you ARE saved. This would involve fighting sin and pursuing sanctification.*
- *In Matthew, the call to "follow" Jesus involves the effort of valuing Jesus enough to obey Him without limits, know Him in an interactive/dynamic relationship, and respond to His activity in one's life.*

- 4) Of the 3 metaphors used in the sermon (see 2 Timothy 2:1-9), which one challenged you the most and why? (Suffering Soldier vs. a Safe Civilian; Competitive Athlete vs. a Cheering Spectator; and Hardworking Farmer vs. a Comfortable Consumer)

APPLY THE WORD:

- 5) What came to mind in your walk when the following were shared:

- Sometime in your past you STOPPED ... moving with God
- Today you are STALLED ... in moving with God.
- Somewhere in your life you are saying "Someday ..." in moving forward with God.

- 6) What is the primary obstacle you face in moving with God (in the area shared above)?

7) How can we encourage each other to move with God?

Leader Suggestion:

Have everyone in your group share ONE practical next step they are going to take or start between now and your next meeting. Write those down and pray for your group members. Encourage them with texts, calls, notes, or emails. The next time you meet, have a "check-in" time when everyone can share how they are moving with God.

PRAYER TIME:

Sentence Prayer suggestion:

- *Lord, I commit to moving with you by _____. Help me to be strong in your grace.*