



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide  
The God Box – Part 6  
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*

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**ICE BREAKER:**

- Do you like receiving gift cards? Why or why not?

**INTO THE WORD:**

- 1) Review the God-Box series as a group, discussing particular points of insight and application.

**Read Mark 14:3-9**

*Teaching Note: Most commentators believe this perfume's value was equal to a year's worth of wages.*

- 2) What does this passage teach about what God (Jesus) wants most from His followers?

*(Teaching Tip: God is after our hearts in worship.)*

- 3) Discuss how this story showcases the heart condition of the dinner guests and Mary.

- 4) According to this passage, meeting someone else's needs is not the primary motivation for giving (v. 7). What should be our main motivator for giving?

- 5) From what we see in this passage, how should giving by a Christian differ from giving by a non-Christian?

- 6) How can we guard against giving becoming an obligation?

**APPLY THE WORD:**

7) Rock Bridge defines life in Christ as growing progressively in our love for God, love for others, and living sent lives. How does giving demonstrate all 3 of these? What is the primary motivation for giving?

Teaching Tip:

Ultimately, we give as a response to God's love gift of Himself to us (love God). As we give we are always meeting practical needs of people (love others). When our giving goes through the church or to missionaries, we are helping send the Gospel message (live sent).

8) The message talked about 3 changes that could occur if we considered God in Christ when we give. Which of these are you thinking over the most and how does it apply to your life?

Message Review:

If we considered God more when we give, 1-Our fears would shift (we would fear *not* having God involved in our finances; 2-We would stop asked "How much should I give?" and ask, "How much should I keep?"; 3-We would God's grace of Himself more than the goods of the world.

9) Share one giving or generosity or stewardship commitment that you want to make. How can our group support one another in living generous lives?

**PRAYER TIME:**

- *Lord, thank You for giving Yourself to us. In my finances, I want to commit \_\_\_\_\_ to You.*