



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
The Struggle – Part 4
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:

- What is the worst experience you've had being stuck in a line (traffic, grocery store, etc.)? What happened?

1) What was the biggest single takeaway you had from the message?

INTO THE WORD:

Read John 13:1-15

2) In vs. 1-3 why does it say that Jesus washed His disciples' feet? What was His motive?

Teaching Tip: Jesus knew everything was finished, as far as His role of giving them an example of how to live and follow Him. This was His last chance before the cross to show them the extent of His love for them. He chose an incredibly humble and lowly act to punctuate how he cared for them and how they should care for one another.

3) Why does Peter resist Jesus in the washing?

4) What do you think Jesus means by cleanliness in vs. 10-11? What is He describing?

Teaching Tip: Jesus is describing a purified heart. He always linked cleanliness with the heart. His disciples had followed Him and their hearts were pure (for the most part). The need for foot-washing spiritually speaking is that it represents our daily lives and how each day we need to guard our hearts from drifting as we encounter the world and the dark things in the world.

5) In vs. 12-15 what is Jesus telling us about His position and therefore our position in the Kingdom?

APPLY THE WORD:

5) How does the foot-washing story connect to the message on "Success"?

6) How have you defined success, and after the message, how has your view of success been specifically affected?

7) The challenge in the message was as follows:

Instead of asking, "How high can I climb?" ASK: "Who can I help climb higher?"
Who in your life do you need to start *servicing*, helping them go higher?

Prayer Time:

- Go around as a group and pray: God, help me to be a servant, and to think of others and how I can help them go higher.