



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
We Are Family – 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*

CARE - *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 about a "break-up" either in your own life or in pop culture.

Into the Word:

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

a) Before Jesus came, what problems might Gentiles have faced from Jews (vv. 11-12)?

b) How do you think the practicing Jews felt when those Gentiles starting coming to their church but didn't want to adopt the Jewish custom of circumcision?

c) How has Christ made peace for and between all peoples possible?

d) How does this passage affect (or challenge) your view of God's family--the church?

e) Read this quote from Pastor Mark Dever and discuss it together:

"The church is the gospel made visible."

Apply the Word:

a) What would change if you thought of yourself and your faith in less individualistic terms (less me and more we)?

b) Where in our church do you need to ask, "What good can I do ...?" How is our small group doing with this question?

c) When you ask this question, challenges and obstacles arise. What are some of those?

Leader Tips: Encourage a robust discussion to identify as many challenges as possible. Some of these include American individualism, individual pride, time management, when conflict occurs, etc.

d) How does thinking deeply about the Gospel help tear down these obstacles and overcome these challenges?

Prayer Time:

- Lord, help me to overcome my _____ in order to do more good for others.