



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C of COMMISSION

Please pray with us during this key season of the New Year to help people “connect” to life in Christ. Connection means more than attendance; it means beginning a journey that **follows Jesus**. Please pray for people to connect, and pray that God will bring more people to your small group or allow you to help people find the group that is best for them.

ALSO: You will hopefully receive a package with “Ask Me About My Small Group” buttons and invitational cards. Please wear a button during January weekend services at your campus, and help foster conversations of connection with the cards.

MOST PEOPLE IN OUR SERVICES ARE NOT IN A GROUP. Let’s change that!

Ice Breaker: (Choose one)

- What is one potential resolution for you for the new year?
- What is one answered prayer for you in the past year?

Into God's Word:

- What point from this weekend’s message affected you the most?

Read Matthew 28:16-20

a) What does it mean that all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus?

Leader tip: While this is could yield vague answers, the point is that Jesus is now solely the one in charge of all things. He is Lord. While there is still a spiritual battle due to sin and rebellion, and God allowing us to have free will, Jesus is the way and is the one every person must deal with in regards to their life.

b) What does it mean that Jesus is with us? What does this mean is available to us?

Leader tip: All of heaven’s resources are now fully available to the believer who is under the Lordship of Jesus through a life of surrendered obedience.

c) Jesus commanded His followers to GO and make disciples, teaching them to obey Him. How should this affect us?

Leader tip: Get the group discussing what it looks like in their specific lives to GO. What can this practically look like?

Apply the Word:

a) Where in your life right now do you need to obey Jesus more?

b) In the message, the following statements were made:

“Wrong belief: God must work ON me before He can work through me.”

“Right belief: As God works through me He will also work ON me.”

- Which one of those statements has affected you the most?

c) Rock Bridge has thousands of weekend attenders who are not connected to Jesus through a life of surrendered obedience. Surrendered obedience should result in connection to a body and involvement in a spiritual family. **How can you as a group help change that this season?**

Leaders: Please ask your group to PRAY for opportunities to talk to people, and that God would help you help people CONNECT to small groups, Baptism, ministry teams, etc. These steps of involvement will help people grow closer to Jesus.

Prayer:

PLEASE COMMIT TO PRAYER THE FOLLOWING:

- *That God would give us open doors with lost people so we can help them find Jesus.*
- *That God would help us connect more people **to Small Groups** to help them Grow.*
- *That God would help us live for Him this year, and throw off anything holding us back.*