



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Time with God - Part 1
LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS:

Remember the C of CONTENT -- biblical, intentional, and conversational

We believe that engaging the Word of God is the single greatest contributor to growth, life change, and experiencing life in Christ. Therefore, we ask that groups study, engage, and have conversations centered around Scripture.

- Remember it's about conversation: get your group sharing!
- Avoid talking too much and dominating the time.
- Don't be afraid of awkward silence. Give room for even the most reserved to speak up.
- Strive for vulnerability. When people feel safe to share, then real heart matters will come up and real growth happens.

GOAL: A small group leader should "talk" no more than 25-30% of the time.

Ice Breaker:

*What is your favorite book (besides the Bible!) of all time and why?

Into the Word:

*What part of the sermon are you still thinking a lot about?

Read 2 Timothy 3:13-17

a) From these verses develop a list of the various purposes the Scriptures serve in our lives.

b) Describe what Paul means when he says the Scriptures are "God-breathed." Why is understanding this important? What questions do you have about this?

Teaching Point: Use these descriptions as needed to help your group members understand our beliefs about God's Word.

RBCC Belief Statement:

We believe that the Bible--the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments--is the Word of God (Psalm 19:7-11; John 2:22; Colossians 3:16), written by human authors under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21). It is truth without error, trustworthy, and the supreme authority for all matters of faith and practice (Psalm 119:160; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Inerrancy: Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything contrary to fact (Wayne Grudem). The Scriptures are true, authoritative, and without error.

c) What dangers exist in not believing in the truthfulness and authority of the Scriptures?

d) How does this passage challenge how you currently read the Bible?

Apply the Word:

a) If you fully believed that "time in God's Word was time WITH God", how would it change your Bible reading practices?

b) Why is it important to ask for help in Bible reading, understanding and application?

Teaching Point: Because the Bible is a supernatural work of God and we are finite, we need to depend on God to give us the true meaning and understanding of His Word

c) Share one new practice you are going to incorporate into your Bible intake? How can our group hold each other accountable in our Bible reading and intake?

NOTE: Remember that anyone can sign up for daily Bible reading through the Time with God daily devotional by textint 'TWG' to 706-671-2171.

Prayer Time

Take any section of Psalm 119 and use it as your group's prayer time.

(Idea: Ask different people to read a section as a prayer.)

Commit to pray for our church:

Each person in the group please commit to praying for our church in these ways

--To connect more people to life in Christ ... 400 baptisms is our specific prayer goal.

--For upcoming Disciple Now for our students

--For the Prayer Project that starts in 2 weeks.