



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

The Prayer Project - Part 5

LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Get ready for EASTER!

Encourage your group to invite people and engage people to attend an Easter service.

- All Campuses have added services.
- Volunteer for Children's Ministry or Host Team - contact your campus to help out.
- PRAY for lost people to come to know Jesus!

Ice Breaker:

*What is your favorite homemade dish? What makes it so good?

Into the Word:

*If you were in the line at the grocery and a friend who missed the message asked what it was about, how would you describe it? (60 seconds or less)

Read Acts 4:23-31

a) What aspect or attribute of God's character is the disciples' prayer based on? Why is it important to pray in accordance with God's character as revealed in Scripture and the Gospel?

b) In verse 28b they reference God predestining the death of Jesus. How does God's sovereignty serve to encourage prayer?

c) Why do they not pray for the threats and opposition (see Acts 4:1-4) to end?

d) Why is their greatest need 'boldness' and not protection?

Apply the Word:

a) How does your mindset regarding prayer change when you believe that your prayers are "how" God brings about what is inevitable in His Kingdom?

b) In the message, we were asked to check 3 things: for unbelief; for passion; and for alignment.

--Where are you struggling to believe God's inevitable promises?

--Where are you more passionate about what is possible over what God has decreed is inevitable?

--Where do you need to align your prayers for what is possible with what is inevitable?

Teaching Tip:

Use this time to teach about how to pray God's promises and how to connect our prayers with God's will for the Kingdom. For example: instead of praying just that God protects your children physically, you can pray that He completes His good work in them (Philippians 1:6) and that He protects them from unbelief.

c) Share 1-2 ways your prayer has or is changing as a result of *The Prayer Project*? How can the group help you in this?

d) Share who you are praying for this Easter.

Prayer Time:

--Spend time praying by name for people your group identifies as being lost or out of church.

--Pray for 2 Thessalonians 3:1 over our Easter weekend services

Also join us in praying for our big prayer asks listed here:

- *For our church to be evangelistic - with the result of 400 baptisms this year.*
- *That we would continue forward in being a church depending on God through prayer.*