



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Habits, Vices & Sins, Oh My! - Part 5
LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." [John 15:5]

So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!

Ice Breaker:

a) Did you ever want to have a superpower as a kid? Which one?

Into the Word:

Leader Tip: Encourage 2-3 group members to summarize the key points of the sermon.

Read Psalm 37:1-7

a) Why are we "bothered" or "agitated" by people who seem to have life better than we do?

b) In Psalm 37, what relationship does David want his readers to focus on?

Teaching Tip: see vv. 3-7

c) How does envy really indicate that we have a problem with God?

d) What makes verse 4 hard? What makes it promising?

Apply the Word:

a) Is there a relationship in your life that came to mind during the message or as we read Psalm 37? In other words, are you rooting for someone to fail? Failing to celebrate someone's success or favor? Secretly resentful of something someone has that you don't?

b) Using the above question, how does envy hurt community, relationships, and love?

c) What is one step you need to take in the following areas:

--Your relationship with others?

--Your relationship with God?

d) Why should the church be the least likely place to find envy?

Teaching Tip: You can explore this question with your group from several angles.

1) You can talk about how the Gospel produces humility and yet trust in God.

2) You can talk about how God's sovereignty determines spiritual gifts and gifts are to be celebrated and deployed, not resented.

Prayer:

Complete this one sentence prayer:

God, I realize I am not delighting in you when I _____. Please forgive me and help me to enjoy You and Your eternal goodness.

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

- *For people to be set free from sins that hold them back from life in Christ.*
- *For our church to reach the lost, resulting in 400 baptisms this year.*
- *Four our BOLD Initiative - to reach 10K people for Jesus.*