



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide
Habits, Vices & Sins, Oh My! - Part 7
LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER MEETING PLAN?

Life doesn't quit happening over the summer, and God's desire for us to be connected in community doesn't quit either. However, summer vacations and trips are a reality. Make sure during these next few meetings that your group determines a plan to stay connected, either by regular meetings or social outings such as a barbeque or pool party, etc.

Make it fun, and PLAN TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH!

Ice Breaker (Choose one to answer as a group):

*What made your parents mad when you were growing up? Does the same thing now make you mad?

*Share one of your "pet peaves" with the group.

Into the Word:

Read John 2:13-19

Teacher note: This is an example of righteous or holy angry.

a) Why could Jesus "trust" His anger as being righteous?

b) Contrast what made Jesus angry with what makes you angry.

Teaching Tip: Jesus could wash feet, be insulted and betrayed yet never anger. However, when His Father's house was not operated correctly or people were burdened and obstructed from worshipping, He grew angry.

c) What does Jesus' anger say about Him?

d) Why were the Jewish leaders bothered by His anger (vv. 18)?

Apply the Word

Leader Tip: If needed, have someone summarize the message for the group.

a) How do you accept your anger more than question it? Why is this potentially dangerous?

b) Discuss how anger actually reveals our priorities. Feel free to use Jesus' anger in John 2 and Jonah's anger as examples. What does your anger say about you?

c) Share how you want to handle anger differently moving forward. How will God's grace empower you to do this?

Group Leaders: This could be an opportunity to allow people to confess bitterness or unforgiveness in their life. Other issues might emerge as well. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and pray for His healing presence and God's grace to prevail in your group

Prayer Time:

- PRAISE: Praise and thank God that He is "slow to anger"
- HELP: Ask God to help you ... [specific situation, relationship, etc where anger is an issue]

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

- Mission trips from Rock Bridge would impact the world for Jesus.
- For our church to reach the lost, resulting in 400 baptisms this year.
- For our Adventure Week VBS - For children to follow Jesus.