



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide  
**What the World Needs Now - Part 1**  
**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:**

\*What is one of the nicest things someone has done for you?

**Into the Word:**

a) If you get the chance to relay this message to a co-worker or friend this week, what main point would you relay?

Read Luke 5:12-16, and Luke 6:6-11

Leader Tip: Both of these stories are examples where there are potential obstacles to doing good: possible fear of the uncleanness of the leper (and the law forbid touching them), and then the opposition of healing someone on the Sabbath and offending the religious leaders. While easy for us to read, the tension for those following Jesus was real. They knew He was crossing very real cultural lines and acting very defiantly.

b) In the first story with the leper, what did Jesus do that would have been controversial to the culture and to even his own followers?

Leader: remember that the Law of Moses prescribed strict cultural separation for those with leprosy and forbid others to touch them as it would make them unclean as well.

c) What did the leper realize about Jesus that gave him the courage to ask? What was he uncertain of in the situation?

d) With the man with the paralyzed hand: what was the big cultural line that Jesus confronted in this passage?

Leader: the Sabbath laws that the Pharisees had developed were so strict and so specific that they forbid seeking out doctors and looking for healing on the Sabbath. This was never prescribed by God, but was a twisting of the initial intention, and elevated keeping the Sabbath above the very welfare of a person.

e) What was Jesus' argument to them about healing on the Sabbath? What was His key point?

Leader Tip: Jesus clear links that refraining from doing good is in fact doing evil. To see the good we ought to do and not do it, is rebellion and sin in itself.

### **Apply the Word**

a) What are some obstacles mentioned in the message for us that prevent us from doing good?

b) What does it look like for us to fight against busyness and fear, so that we can be found being more like the "Good Samaritan" Jesus talked about?

c) Would you characterize your own "love" as radical or respectable? If the love we give is a reflection of the love we have received, what do we need to do to grow in love?

### **Prayer Time:**

- Father, help me today to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ so that I can learn to love people more like you want me to. Help me love others like You love me!

### **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.*