



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

### **Songs of Summer - Part 3**

### **LEADER GUIDE**

#### **SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the importance of CELEBRATION.**

Celebration is a way we both love God and others. God desires our praise, and in the Gospel we have much to praise Him for. We can also praise Him when life change occurs as people respond to His grace. Additionally, celebration is about having fun together.

- **GOAL: Groups should do something “fun” together at least once a quarter, such as a cookout or dinner out together, bowling, visit a park, etc.**
  - Some other ways to celebrate God’s grace in group life include: Communion; Worship songs; sharing praise reports and ‘snapshot’ stories of times when God really worked in your life; reading a psalm out loud together; etc.
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#### **Ice Breaker (choose one to answer in your group):**

\*What is something funny or memorable you remember your father doing?

#### **Into the Word:**

b) What are common positive & negative images of fathers in culture today? Which ones have you personally found more accurate?

Read Romans 8:31-38

c) What are the key aspects of what God has done for us in this passage?

*Teaching Tip: Every believer in Christ needs to embrace this truth: The proof of God’s love is settled at the Cross. We are no longer condemned, we are saved and made right and justified.*

d) What are the key benefits we now have with our Father, God? Which ones encourage you the most?

f) What are some of the resistances we will face as children of God?

g) What promise in the end are we given that will make all that we go through worth it?

*Teaching Tip: As a good Father, God has given us the promise of eternity with Him, in a glorious paradise, as well as love and power and victory over this world while we are in it.*

#### **Apply the Word**

e) Based on the story of Hosea & Gomer - what was the most shocking aspect of the whole story to you? Why was it shocking?

f) There are common responses to difficulties in our lives. One is that God has abandoned me, and another is it's my fault and/or I've done something wrong and am being punished. Based on God as a good father, how should it affect these views?

g) Where do you turn when you are worried and stressed out? To God or to yourself and your own plans? What needs to change going forward?

**Prayer:** Sentence Prayer:

- Father, help me overcome my doubts and fears about \_\_\_\_\_ and trust you as a good, good father.

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

- *For the children who attended Adventure Week VBS - For them to continue to follow Jesus!*
- *For our Student Generate camp - for students to make a difference as they serve, and that their lives would be impacted forever!*
- *Mission trips from Rock Bridge would impact the world for Jesus.*