



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

Songs of Summer - Part 4

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Into the Word:

- a) How would you summarize the message in one or two sentences?
- b) Someone in the group recount the story behind the song, "It is Well"

Someone read the lyrics to the song to the group:

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll:
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.*

*And Lord haste the day,
when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound,
and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

- c) What about the whole story and song inspires you or encourages you?
- d) What about the story or the song causes you confusion or frustration?

Apply the Word

- e) Some people say, "God wants me to be happy." In light of this song, how can we answer that statement?
- f) What parts of this song can you apply to your life right now? How does it apply?
- g) How are you letting (or not letting) your circumstances hold you back from saying, "It is well with my soul"? What can we do as a group to help you start saying that?

Prayer:

- Briefly have the group pray for individual needs listed in question "g".

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 students and children to be impacted this summer to pursue God with passion.*
- *For opportunities for all of us to share Jesus' love with those who don't know Him.*