



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide **Songs of Summer - Part 5** **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)

\*What is the biggest news story so far in 2018?

\*Where have you asked, "What in the world is going on?" lately? (i.e.-news event, life situation, etc)

**Into the Word:**

\*In the message, Matt said that the Bible is a microscope, telescope and a good pair of glasses. Meaning the Word of God helps us "see" and "perceive" things we would never see otherwise. How does this statement help you? Challenge you?

**Read 2 Timothy 3:13-17**

a) What does this passage teach us to "expect" from the world (v. 13)?

b) If this is what the Bible teaches, why are we so shocked and surprised?

c) According to Paul, what must Timothy do?

d) List several things about the Scriptures revealed in this passage?

e) Does your interaction with God's Word match the tone and implications of this passage?

f) According to this passage, what is the goal of Bible engagement/reading?

g) How is God "equipping" you right now for more good works (i.e.-character, acts of service/ministry, use of spiritual gifts)?

## **Apply the Word:**

*Review: the basic answer to "What is God doing in the world?" Is that He is working through His Spirit-filled people to get His Word about Jesus out to more and more people.*

a) How does the answer to the question "What is God doing in the world?" help you? Confuse you? Challenge you? or comfort you?

b) When it comes to your own participation in speaking the Word of God to others and demonstrating good works/deeds through your spiritual gifts and acts of service, which of the following temptations (or excuses) most holds you back?

-->I'm dealing with too much stuff in my own personal world right now.

-->I don't feel worthy (shame, guilt, regret).

-->I don't feel qualified

-->I was raised to think that those things were the pastor and staff's job, not mine.

c) Let's everyone in our group commit to doing one thing over the next 2-3 months to participate in what God is doing in the world. Help each other identify what the best next step for them.

### Group Leader Tips:

*Examples include: inviting a friend to church; telling someone your Jesus story; joining a HOPE team; praying consistently for someone outside of God's family/Kingdom*

## **Prayer Time:**

--Pray for RB mission trips

--Pray 2 Thessalonians 3:1 and Acts 8:8 over your city/community