



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

### **Songs of Summer - Part 5**

### **PARTICIPANT GUIDE**

#### **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.

**Prayer Time:**

--Pray for RB mission trips

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