



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Spirit Blockers – Part 2 LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Small Group Connect (formerly Group Link) is coming to every campus in August.

- Please be in prayer for new people to connect to community.
 - Please pray for new leaders to start new groups!
 - Please keep your eyes open for who you can help connect to a group, even if it's someone else's group!
 - ***Please help us connect the disconnected!***
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Ice Breaker: Choose one to answer in your group

*What rule of your parents did you find the hardest to keep?

*What rule do your kids least like in your home?

Into the Word:

a) If you had 30 seconds to tell someone what the message was about this week, what would you be sure to include?

Read Romans 8:12-17

Teaching Point: Be sure your group understands what "flesh" means (i.e.-anything done apart from faith in God; any desire, motivation, action or ambition driven by our ego, pride, fear, insecurity, sinfulness, etc). Highlight the intimacy conveyed by the word "Abba"

b) According to this passage, what are the defining traits of a Christian?

c) According to this passage, how is sin defeated?

d) What is empowering and exciting to you about seeing Christianity as a relationship as opposed to rules/regulations/rituals?

e) What is scary to you about embracing Christianity as a personal, all-the-time relationship with God?

Apply the Word:

f) Paul in Ephesians 4:20-21 talks about how Christ is learned or taught or known. Conversely, this means we may have to "unlearn" some things in order to know Christ. What are some things you need to unlearn in order to know Christ and love Christ more?

g) How does your perspective about sin change when you think of sin purely in the context of a relationship with God?

h) What practice(s) can you use to remain more aware of God's all-the-time presence in you? How do you perceive this changing your daily life?

i) Where in your life is God inviting repentance right now ... as a failure of intimacy with Him? For grieving Him?

Prayer time:

--Spend some time allowing your group to confess and pray prayers of repentance. You could do this by allowing everyone to go have some time alone with God or by breaking up into smaller groups of 2-4 people. Just allow the Spirit room to work.

Please join us in prayer as a church for these things:

- For us to pursue the Holy Spirit and desire more of God, removing any obstacles.
- For families to prioritize Jesus as we go back to school.
- For us to prioritize evangelism, and sharing the love of Jesus with others.