



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide I am Not a Quitter – Part 1 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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IceBreaker:

*What is something hard you have done (physically, academically, relationally, spiritually, etc)?

Into the Word:

Group Leaders: Have 1-3 people overview the message.

Read James 1:1-4

a) What things are hard to accept and believe but taught in this passage?

b) "Consider" (v. 2) is a word that implies using mental reasoning and reckoning or thinking about something to arrive at a determination. In other words, James is not saying "Be happy" or "feel joy" when you go through adversity. What is James teaching about how to think about trials?

c) Why is endurance important? Why is it harder in our current culture to practice or learn endurance?

d) Verse 4 indicates that there is a work going on in our trials. Why is it helpful to know that something (or Someone) is working in and through our situations?

Apply the Word:

a) Share an "Aha" moment from the teaching this past weekend.

b) What "zone" are you currently in (A: Promise; B: Problem; C: Payoff; Q: Quit)?

Teaching Tip: People may be in different zones in different areas of their lives: work; school; spiritual; family; etc. Help group members be transparent and see everything as related to their walk in Christ.

c) What do you need to "unlearn" about this subject to fully embrace God's truth and live it out?

d) What makes you tempted to quit?

Prayer:

Pray for the person seated on your right (or break up into groups of 2-4 people) and complete this sentence:

God, help _____ to endure and persevere as they face _____. Give them Your strength.

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

- For us to reach people around us with the good news of Jesus.
- For families to prioritize Jesus as we go back to school.
- New people to connect to small groups and get involved life in Christ.