



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide I am Not a Quitter – Part 4 LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Small Group Connect (formerly Group Link) is coming to every campus in August 23/26.

- 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

*How do you stay informed about current events?

*Did you say a bedtime prayer growing up? What kind of prayer was it?

Into the Word:

Read John 3:1-17

a) Why does Nicodemus struggle to understand what Jesus means by being "born again"?

b) How does Jesus' analogy about the wind (v. 8) explain or illustrate being born again?

Teaching Point: Jesus seems to be referring to the need for divine intervention and God's work through the Spirit to bring about the new birth. See verse 8.

c) Read v. 3:19 -- how or why do people resist the new birth?

Teaching Point: Generally, people want to keep living their own lives pursuing desires and fulfillment apart from God.

d) How would you explain the necessity of the new birth to a not-yet Christian?

Teaching Point: One way of thinking of the Gospel--which must be believed as part of being born again--is in terms of content and call.

- *The content of the Gospel includes 4 primary points: God's Kingdom has arrived; Jesus is the Christ/Messiah/Son of God; Jesus died in our place for our forgiveness; Jesus was resurrected.*
- *The call of the Gospel elicits 3 responses as a person is born again: believe the gospel, repent of sin (new desires and love for God), and follow Jesus.*

Apply the Word:

- a) Is anything going on around you that is threatening to overwhelm you? How can our group support you?
- b) How does understanding salvation (i.e.-being born again) give you certainty & hope despite what is happening around you?
- c) How can our group--personally and together--work to share the Gospel (live sent)? What commitments do we need to make?

Prayer:

Group Leaders: Remember that using sentence prayers is one of the easiest ways to teach people to pray and encourage community prayer among your group.

Complete the following sentence prayer:

Jesus, as I face _____ help me to turn my attention and affections to You and know that You are with me.

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

- For disconnected people to get plugged into small groups, and new groups to launch well.
- For students to get plugged into Student Ministry and experience community.
- For those who are hurting and wanting to "quit" to persevere and trust Jesus.