



## 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.