



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Intersection – Part 1 LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember the C's of Small group health:

CONTENT - biblical, intentional, and conversational

CONSISTENCY - regular meetings and interactions with one another

CARE - sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement

CELEBRATION - celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together

COMMISSION - participating in what God is doing now during our lifetime on earth

CHARACTER - as a leader – growing in my example for my group

Ice Breaker options:

*What is your favorite story (i.e.-book, movie, comic, etc)?

*What was your favorite bedtime story growing up?

Into the Word:

*Read Joshua 4:1-7; 19-24

a) Why is God so interested in preserving the story of what happened at the Jordan?

b) What danger(s) is God guarding against?

Teaching Tips:

Discuss the dangers of forgetfulness; the need for memory to promote faithfulness.

c) What responsibilities are implied in this text for older/more mature believers? (see vv. 6-7).

d) Reread verse 24. What is the point of knowing God's story?

Teaching Tip:

Sometimes as Christ-followers we can be more interested in the experience or the event or the moment than the goal of knowing the Author.

e) Share a "12 stones" moment in your own journey with God that is a mile marker of your faith or a place when your story intersected His and His story became more of your story.

Group Leaders:

This is a powerful opportunity for your group to know each other better and support one another's faith journey. Don't rush this or worry about the other questions if the Holy Spirit is moving here, let Him.

Apply the Word:

a) What "story" or "stories" are you most likely to tell yourself when things don't go wrong or get off track?

b) How does your Bible reading need to change in light of understanding God's Word as a story?

c) In the message Matt talked about "watching/looking for God" (vs. questioning Him) and also seeking to cooperate or participate with God in faith. Share how you are applying either or both of those applications.

d) How can this group encourage you to live more faithfully in God's story right now?

Group Leaders:

Remind your group about Serve Connect in 2 weeks and the opportunity they will have to find a place of ministry or participate in a HOPE expression.

Prayer:

Choose any of the options below to pray over as a group:

--Pray specifically for people who need to know the Story of God.

--Pray for people in your group in a difficult "scene" right now who need perspective, hope, and strength.

--Rejoice in the Author of the Story!

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

- For the disconnected to get plugged into community and biblical relationships.
- For us to be filled with Jesus, demonstrating love to a hurting world.
- For those who are hurting and wanting to "quit" to persevere and trust Jesus.