



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Intersection – Part 3 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

CCARE - 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

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### **Icebreaker: (choose one)**

\*What is the best gift you've ever received?

\*If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

### **Into the Word:**

Read Romans 12:3-11

a) Based on this passage, give some descriptions of the church.

b) What excites you about spiritual gifts? What challenges you?

c) According to this passage, what are the goals of God giving spiritual gifts?

Teaching Tip: See verses 3-4, 9-11.

d) How should we seek to apply this passage of Scripture to our lives?

Teaching Tip: Encourage your group to ask how this passage invites repentance, brings knowledge that leads to life change/application, or encourages a certain lifestyle.

### Leader Help:

It may help to review the working definition Matt gave for spiritual gifts--

*Spiritual gifts: sovereign gifts of God that enable the Christ-follower to do something ... the same way, with the same power, and achieving the same results as Jesus Himself.*

*Additionally, please know that Rock Bridge believes that all spiritual gifts are still given to believers and that certain gifts have not ceased (such as healing and tongues and various sign gifts). However, we must remember that God distributes gifts as He wills. In other words, we will not all have the same gifts.*

### **Apply the Word:**

- a) Based on this passage and this weekend's sermon, how has your view of the church changed?
- b) In the 1st century, how do you think people discovered their spiritual gift(s)?
- c) Have you discovered your gift(s)? Please share.

*Leader Tip: Spend some time seeking to identify and encourage one another in potential spiritual gifts. Remember the 3 broad categories of word gifts, power gifts, and love/deed gifts.*

- d) Based on what we've discussed and been taught, what is your next step? How can this group encourage you and each other to live faithfully as God's church?

### **Prayer**

Here are two suggested sentence prayers (choose one) for your group to complete as they pray together).

*God, I sense that you have gifted me with \_\_\_\_\_. Do your work through me Lord.*

*God, I ask you to work through me in \_\_\_\_\_.*

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

- For us to see our place in God's story and move to fully "Living Sent" for Him.
- For the disconnected to get plugged into community and biblical relationships.
- For us to be filled with Jesus, demonstrating love to a hurting world.