



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide I Believe in God But – Part 1 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Into the Word:

Read I John 4:7-12

- a) Contrast this definition of love from the one(s) we find in culture, society, and movies.
- b) How do you struggle to appreciate the way God loves you vs. the way you want God to love you?
- c) How does God love teach us and instruct us to love others (see v. 11)?
- d) How do you struggle to love others this way?

Apply the Word:

- a) What makes you feel "unworthy" of God's love? Conversely, how are you tempted to minimize God's holiness to help yourself feel more worthy of His love?
- b) Imagine waking up tomorrow and the first thought you focused on was HOW God loves us in Christ. What might make you struggle to believe that? If you accepted that fact as true of you, visualize the rest of your day ... what might be different? Use the examples below if necessary ...
 - How would you deal with adversity?
 - How would you view other people?
 - What would your attitude be like?
 - How would you view yourself?

Prayer Time:

- a) Read Ephesians 3:14-21 as a prayer over your group and then encourage people to pray in response to the Word of God.
- b) Pray for people by name who are on your "Red Cards" and any others who do not know HOW God loves them. Ask God to use you and Rock Bridge to show and share this love.

Also would you pray with us as a church for:

- For God to give us boldness to live for Him and to tell others about Jesus.
- For God to help us be devoted to Him and throw off distractions.