



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Intersection – Part 5 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*

Ice Breaker:

* When is a time when you were “in the right place at the right time” and saw or discovered something amazing?

Into the Word:

* What was the one biggest takeaway for you from the message that you might share with someone who might need to hear it?

Read Luke 5:27-32

Teaching Tip: *This is another story where Jesus interrupted someone's life dramatically, but they proved to be available.*

a) What do you think it was like for Matthew that day, when Jesus interrupted his work? Brainstorm as a group: were there likely other tax-collectors with him? Possibly Roman Soldiers? What else might have been going on?

b) What were the range of emotions might Matthew have been feeling at the booth?

c) At the party for Jesus, what do you think the atmosphere was like, and what did the party reveal about Matthew's heart?

Leader Tip: *There are no right answers, but you could talk about how Matthew obviously considered it an incredible honor to host Jesus. He also believed having Jesus meet his friends and family was important and was not concerned about losing his income and wealth.*

d) In the message, Matt talked about availability revealing the priority of our hearts, such as what we are truly holding on to. What does this story reveal about Matthew?

Apply the Word:

- a) From the sermon, what were the main obstacles to availability that you noticed or wrote down?
- b) How would you describe your daily availability to God's interruptions? And how would you know if you are available or not?
- c) What might be holding back your availability? Your own sinfulness? Your busyness or commitments in life? What needs to change to give God more?

Prayer Time

* Pray for the group based on the answers to the above question (c).

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

- For us to take our place in God's church and use the gifts and talents He has given us.
- That we would welcome people who come to church and help them connect to life in Christ.
- That we would see 400 salvations and baptisms by year end.