



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Intersection – Part 7 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: (Choose One)

- What is one of your favorite views (top of a building, mountain, beach, etc)?
- How do you choose a seat when you go to a movie? sporting event? church?

Into the Word:

Read Romans 16:25-27

Teaching Note: *Paul ends Romans with a doxology, which by definition is to draw attention to the worth, glory and excellency of God.*

- Identify different effects the gospel brings about in people's lives from this passage.
- In our culture, we sometimes think the gospel is just for non-believers. How does this passage challenge that assumption? Why is the gospel for believers and for non-believers?
- The passage teaches that the Gospel strengthens us by edifying our faith in the eternal God. How does the gospel encourage and build up our faith and trust in God?

Teaching Tip: *You may wish to have your group think about how the gospel encourages our faith in the following ways:*

- Knowledge of God's character
- Eternal security
- Willingness to obey--even when costly
- Trust in God vs. trust in self or the world

- How is the life of a Christian to be lived in response to the Gospel?

Apply the Word:

- In the message, Matt talked about how the Gospel caused Zacchaeus to give in an inexplicable way. Why/how does the Gospel produce such a response?

b) How might you be taking the gospel for granted or growing indifferent to it? Why is this dangerous?

c) In the message, Matt asked 3 questions (see below). Which one(s) are stretching you right now?

From the Sermon:

1) Will we at RBCC be Jesus' church?

2) How does the Gospel explain how you are living and giving?

3) Because of Jesus, what am I going to do now?

d) Let's all think about ourselves as Rock Bridgers ... how can we be more faithful at being Jesus' church?

Teaching Tip: Leaders talk to your people about helping others connect to life at RBCC (i.e.- small group, 1st Wed, HOPE, etc); talk about looking to be not only friendly to new people but also helpful.

Prayer Time:

a) Pray for a Zaccheus in your life that you might help to "see" Jesus more clearly

b) Pray for the Gospel at Rock Bridge (our members, our services, our ministries) to come with the truth, power & conviction (see I Thess. 1:4-5).

c) Pray for any other needs in the group.

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.
- The 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.