



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide I Believe in God But – Part 2 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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### Ice Breaker: (Choose one)

\*Share something where you like to be in control or in charge.

\*Who in your family is the worst back-seat driver?

### Into the Word:

**Read I Peter 5:6-11**

a) How is humility related to giving up control to God?

b) Why is hard to wait and trust God's "proper time"?

c) Practically, how are we to be "firm" in our faith (verse 9)?

*Teaching Tip: Avoid pat answers and cliches here. Really press group members to describe specifically what fuels their faith in God in specific situations.*

d) In verse 9, Peter defines a reality that is not ideal or all that positive. What is the antidote he gives in vv. 10-11 to being a victim, hopeless, or in despair?

e) Where does this passage invite repentance? Where does it bring comfort & hope?

### Apply the Word:

a) Where do you struggle to trust God and/or let go of control?

b) How does your struggle in that area reflect what you believe about God? How does it reveal where your focus is?

c) Read this out loud and reflect on it as a group:

*Absolute surrender is one thing God wants. Surrender starts with admitting, "There is a God and I am not Him."*

*Think about it: how much of your life do you spend worrying about people, problems and situations you cannot control? When you learn to surrender worries to God, you begin to grow in peace.*

**Prayer Time:**

*Pray for each other and the "this" that was shared in (a) above. Seek to pray a specific Word-based/Christ-backed promises over each other.*

Examples of promises include: Philippians 1:6; Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:19

**Also Pray with us for:**

- Pray for us to embrace the love of God in our lives and cast off the lies of unworthiness.
- **Pray for those on our Red Cards, and for God to use us to reach them.**
- Pray for courage and boldness to throw off fear, and live a life that attracts those who are lost.