



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Ezra – Part 6 LEADER GUIDE

Leaders, remember our WIN: **Making DISCIPLES**

**Today you will notice a few changes to the Discussion Guide.**

These changes are designed to accomplish the following:

1. **Increase awareness for Obedience:** God calls us to obey His word, not just hear it. If we love Him we obey Him!
2. **Increase accountability:** We have to help each other in becoming Christ Followers. This only happens if we ask each other about progress and hold each other accountable to commitments we make to God and to ourselves.
3. **Clear Goals:** Each week we will add a discipleship goal so the intention of the message and the discussion guide is clear.
4. **More breaking up into smaller groups:** this can facilitate greater accountability and vulnerability in groups that have larger attendance and participation.
5. **Occasional Homework:** We will add some things that allow us to continue our journey outside of small group. Encourage your group to take this seriously!

**Thanks for leading a group and helping make disciples of Jesus!**

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### Ice Breaker:

*\*When you go on a trip, what are some things that you always try to do before you depart?*

*\*For couples: who in your relationship is the trip planner?*

**Discipleship Goal: As disciples of Jesus, our #1 priority and passion is the glory of God.**

### Into the Word: **Read Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Teaching Tip: The Isaiah passage is organized around the command not to fear and reasons why Israel should not be afraid.*

a) What is the primary command of this passage?

b) What are the reasons given to obey this command?

c) Why does this passage say that God even created a "people"? (see v. 7 and also verse 21)?

d) How does knowing *why* we were created bring conviction? Excitement & passion?

e) As a group (or smaller groups of 3-4 people), spend a few minutes talking about the glory of God. How would you explain God's glory to a new disciple (student, learner, apprentice) of Jesus?

f) As a group (or smaller group of 3-4 people), imagine you are sharing the gospel with someone. How does the glory of God connect to the gospel message of Jesus? How does the glory of God connect to being a disciple?

*Teaching Tips & Helps: The glory of God and the gospel: Our sin is that we fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23) and are actually glory thieves and robbers. We prefer to have what God deserves.*

*The glory of God and discipleship: Paul frequently appeals to living a life worthy of our calling, walking the right way, and doing all for God's glory. When we settle our desire and passion for God's glory, living for Him--no matter the cost or sacrifice--is worth it and part of our eternal happiness.*

**Obeying God's Word:**

a) In light of God's glory, what is one area of your life you are committing to re-examining and/or where you need repentance?

*Group Leaders: After everyone responds to this question, move into a prayer time of confession and repentance. You need to model this and be prepared to share your confession and area of repentance first.*

b) As a community and corporate body of believers (the church), how does the glory of God need to inform and effect the following areas:

--Gathered worship?

--Missions?

--Evangelism?

**Group Homework:**

*As a group, commit to memorizing 1 Corinthians 10:31 in the next few weeks.*

*Also, review any previous commitments (homework or Scripture memorization) since the last group meeting.*

**Group Prayer Time:**

*\*Names to pray for and invite to Easter services @ RBCC.*

*\*Needs of group members*

*\*Final prayer: For God to be glorified in everything we do.*