



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide

More than a Feeling – Part 4

LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Remember the C's of Small Group Health! Review these as key principles to keep our small groups healthy and fruitful.

- **CONTENT** -- Biblical, intentional, and conversational. We believe that engaging the Word of God is the single greatest contributor to growth, life change, and experiencing life in Christ.
- **CONSISTENCY** -- Regular meetings and interactions with one another. Groups must meet on a regular basis, as love for others can only grow if we spend time with others.
- **CARE** -- Sharing life's ups and downs with grace, love and encouragement. Group members should know specifically how to pray, encourage & care for one another!
- **CELEBRATION** -- Celebrating God's grace to us and having fun together. Groups should do something "fun" together, as this is a key way we both love God and others.
- **COMMISSION** -- Participating in what God is doing during our lifetime on earth. Life in Christ means living sent as a missionary in the places we find ourselves. Groups should work to multiply themselves, as well as reach new people and reach the community!
- **CHARACTER** -- The character of the Leader is paramount to a healthy group. We cannot give others what we do not have ourselves. If we want others to experience life in Christ and the fullness of God's plan, we must be active participants in that as well.

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

Ice Breaker:

*What is a memorable conflict you have had in public that was specifically funny or embarrassing?

Discipleship Goal: *Jesus' love for us includes healthy correction and rebuke, which must become a part of our lives as believers.*

Into the Word: read Luke 17:1-4

a) Based on verse 1-2, how would you generally describe God's perspective on our sins? How should we view our "guilt" when our actions cause others to stumble?

Leader Help: As Christ followers, all of our guilt and sins are paid for at the cross. However, there is the danger of real "wrath" and real consequences in our lives from our sins, and for how we might cause others to step into sin. Our sin causes real pain and suffering in others, and we MUST take that seriously.

b) Based on verse 3, what does it look like to you to "be on your guard"? How would you describe that in your own spiritual life?

Leader Help: Many of us spend our lives looking for what we can get away with, and how far can I go without sinning. This view is completely different and is a stance that understands the seriousness of sin and its danger. It's a view saying, I want to stay far away from sinning against God.

c) What is the importance of rebuking your brother/sister in Christ, and what is the importance of forgiveness in that process? Why do you think forgiveness is so crucial in this process?

Steps of Obedience/Application:

d) We are all susceptible to sins and doubts, and we are all responsible for those sins and doubts in our lives. Which view is harder for you: acknowledging you are susceptible or accepting responsibility? Why?

e) In the message four questions were mentioned for accountability and self-examination. Which one is the most difficult for you, or maybe the most revealing?

Wesley's Questions:

- What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
- What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?
- Is there anything you wish to keep secret?
- Do I pray about the money I spend?
- Am I enjoying prayer?
- Am I a slave to dress, work, friends, or any habit?

f) *How accountable and open are you to others so that you can give and receive biblical rebuke or correction? Describe it to the group.*

g) Is there anything this group could do for you or pray about to help you grow in this area of being open to life-giving correction?

Homework: Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 over the next few weeks. Arm yourselves with the word of God in this area and learn to love!

Prayer Time:

Pray for each other in the answers to part G above.