



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Road Trip – Part 4 LEADER GUIDE

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER MEETING PLAN?

Life doesn't quit happening over the summer, and God's desire for us to be connected in community doesn't quit either. However, summer vacations and trips are a reality. Make sure during these next few meetings that your group determines a plan to stay connected, either by regular meetings or social outings such as a barbeque or pool party, etc.

Make it fun, and PLAN TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH!

Ice Breaker: Pick one or two for your group to answer

- *Do you struggle to ask for and follow directions on a trip?
- *Who's the best driver in your family?
- *What's your relationship like with GPS (or Waze or Maps?)?

Into the Word: Read Isaiah 30:9-20

a) What mentality or attitude is the prophet concerned about in the people?

Leader Tip: The people are rejecting the counsel of the prophets and the counsel of the Lord and are continuously hardening themselves to the ways of the Lord. Their overall attitude is one of significant rebellion and unbelief.

b) Discuss vv. 15-16 in terms of faith, trust and unbelief. How do these verses convict and encourage you?

Leader Tip: Repentance and rest is a continuous theme in scripture. That God wants us at peace, and that in peace He leads and supplies His grace is a tremendous gift! Contrasting, our own actions and self-reliance (fleeing on horses) is foolish in that we think we can outrun God.

c) In vs. 18, what should God's posture toward us help us see, even as we have been rebellious and unbelieving toward Him?

Leader Tip: God's love for us is beyond measure! He stands ready to forgive (and forget!) and wash our sins away through the work of Jesus. He is willing to move past our sins and move toward continued love and Grace!

Obey the Word:

a) Where in your life right now are you most tempted to disagree with God?

Leader Tip: These areas are almost always areas of deep fear and unbelief where we do not trust God or His ways.

b) Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How do you apply the principles from those verses to the specific situation you shared above? How can our group support you?

c) At Rock Bridge, we often talk about "S-T-E-P" meaning that every situation requires a specific promise that we trust in and act on. Take a moment to share either specific promises you have found in the past or the type that we might need to hunt for in the Word.

S: We have the Spirit in this situation

T: Trust in a specific promise

E: be empowered to act in the direction of this promise

P: praise God for grace and ask for His pardon for sins & unbelief that arise

d) Make a commitment as a group to always seek out a promise in God's word that we will lean on as we lean not on ourselves.

Prayer:

Pick a specific promise from the "S-T-E-P" discussion that maybe several in the group need and pray through that promise over the group.