



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Road Trip – Part 5 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!

IceBreaker: (Choose one)

*What are you grateful for regarding America this 4th of July?

*What 4th of July traditions do you enjoy?

Discipleship Goal: *We must recover the priority of discipleship, and be moved to action to reach our world.*

Into God's Word: Read Psalm 67

a) Based on this text, what is God's goal for the world?

Leader Help: God wants to bless people and give them lives filled with good things. But the point is for the people to fear Him and love Him in return, and for Him to be glorified and honored. Love should be a two-way street!

b) On what grounds does Israel ask for God's favor & blessing?

Leader Help: The grounds for asking is for the glory of the Lord, for His good and awesome nature and salvation to be proclaimed among the nations.

c) Where does this passage bring conviction to you personally?

Leader Help: Most of us spend our lives living for our own self-interest and glory. We should all feel convicted when God's glory is not a part of our motive. Also, when we have no interest in pursuing Him out of love we should be convicted. He loves us lavishly and generously and we should love Him in return!

d) How does this vision excite & energize you personally and as part of Rock Bridge?

Leader Help: We are church committed to living sent. God will always bless and honor those seeking to honor Him! We should be excited about the future and excited about spreading the honor and glory of God to the world! It will be worth all the sacrifices we could ever make!

Apply the Word:

a) Based on Jesus' vision and how He is establishing His Kingdom, why is it misguided to put too much faith in politics and political solutions?

b) Of the 5 Mistakes the Church is making, which one resonated the most with you personally?
What will you do to change?

Sermon Review: "5 Mistakes of We the Church"

- a) *Having a celebrity culture and promoting "sitting" over "sending"*
- b) *Pursuing decisions for Christ over disciples of Christ*
- c) *Pushing behavior change instead of relational change with God through Jesus*
- d) *Not valuing or pursuing holiness fueled by holy love.*
- e) *Leaving the power of the Holy Spirit untapped.*

c) As God has blessed us in Christ, so we must bless others with His love. What does this look like for you? How can you more intentionally be a blessing ... one life at a time?

Prayer:

**Pray for Rock Bridge ... that each one of us would be committed to Jesus' vision and Kingdom. Ask for forgiveness for any sins of omission in your life.

**Pray for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in your life.