



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Uncomfortable - Part 3 LEADER GUIDE

LEADERS: We believe that by committing to the six C's of small group leadership, you will see God move in you and your group through biblical community!

What are the 6 C's?

- **Character** - The character of the leader is critical!
- **Content** - Biblical and conversational.
- **Consistency** - Consistency paves the way for health and accountability.
- **Care** - Models the love of Jesus that bears one another's burdens.
- **Celebration** - Having fun together and celebrating God's goodness together.
- **Commission** - Living sent on the mission of Jesus.

This week's focus: COMMISSION - We are all commissioned by God to make disciples, demonstrate His kingdom values & love, and declare His gospel to people from all walks of life.

3 basic ways to do this in group life:

- **"OPEN CHAIR"**: inviting new people into the group
- **HOPE EXPRESSION**: serving locally together with an RBCC strategic partner
- **ESTABLISHING A CO-LEADER**: one that will learn to lead, and in the future could help launch new groups.

GOAL: Every group should be working to develop another leader who could take over if needed, and eventually could help lead other groups.

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ICE BREAKER: If you left home without anything, what would be the first thing you'd ask someone to send to you? Why?

MAIN POINT: Pursuing purpose will bring pressure (problems, challenges, difficulties); dealing with pressure does not have to become my purpose but can actually further it.

Read this out to the group as a type of road map for where the discussion should go.

Passage(s) to Read: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Passage Summary: Paul is in a reflective mode as he nears the end of his life. He recaps some difficulties and problems that have occurred as he pursued his purpose. He does this in part it seems to prepare Timothy but he reveals the power of the gospel to be greater than the pressure that Christ is revealed no matter what = purpose fulfilled.

Read the summary out loud before the passage. This will help set up the direction of the discussion.

DISCUSSION:

1. What do verses 9 through 16 reveal about the circumstances in which Paul wrote this letter?
Paul wrote this letter from prison. He was longing to be visited by Timothy who had been a faithful companion and colleague. Timothy's visit was needful because practically everyone else had left Paul.
2. What is Paul's hope in the midst of this hardship and loneliness?
Paul asked Timothy to bring his cloak and the scrolls, especially the parchments. While the first was providing for a physical need, as he would have been living in a cold Roman dungeon, the second request would address a ministry need. Even at the end of his life, he was a diligent student of the Word and had the hope that the Word would live on even after his life ended.
3. How does Paul echo Jesus in Gethsemane? Why be so forgiving?

He extends forgiveness to those who deserted him and also shows restoration in his relationship with Mark. Paul could give forgiveness freely because he had full knowledge of the forgiveness that Jesus provides for us.

4. What do you find in Paul's sense of hope (in spite of his suffering) that is a particular inspiration to you? Is there a theme verse which summarizes that point for you?
5. How do you intend to guard the gospel that has been entrusted to you? What will you pass along- to whom, and in what manner?
6. What else can we apply from the study of this passage?

STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

As an offering of worship and fellowship as a group, try bringing to the Lord all the aspects of Himself which He brings to mind in prayer. Take turns giving thanks for what God has taught you through the message this week.

PRAYER TIME

- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.