



SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: July 27, 2003

Dunamis: Why not come together with your Small Group? Join us at **7:00 on Tuesday, July 29** at Calvary Baptist (6866 Linda Vista Rd.) as we stand in the gap for our church and the city, especially those that participated in the Gay Pride Festival this weekend.

Single Parent's Ministry Bonfire: Join us on Saturday, August 2 at 7:00 at Mission Bay (next to the Hilton) for some fun and fellowship! For more information, or to help out, please contact Patty Hjort at pattyh42@msn.com

Women's Retreat: The deadline to register is this weekend!!! If you haven't already registered, it's not too late! Contact Julie 619-997-0195 or Karen 619-225-0145 to register or to contribute to our scholarship fund.

Title: **New Beginnings - Salvation Part 4**

MEMORY VERSE: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

SERMON REFLECTIONS

- 1) In Christ, we are a new creation. What does it mean to be a new creation? (**1 Cor 6:15-17, John 15:5-8, Eph 1:3**) How would you explain this to a non-believer? Why is the concept of a new creation important? Once you are a new creation, can it be taken away?
- 2) Marriage, Christ and the Church (**Ephesians 5:22-33**). In the sermon, Miles spoke of "Shameless Oneness." What is this? How would you explain this to a non-believer? Can an unmarried couple share this? (**Mark 10:7-8, Heb 13:4**). What is the role of the wife (**Eph 5:22, 24, 33, Titus 2:4, Rom 7:2-3**)? What is the role of the husband (**Eph 5:23, 29, Matt 19:3-9**)? The relationship between believing husbands and wives illustrates that which exists between Christ (The Bridegroom) and the Church (His Bride) (**Eph 5:29-32, Matt 25:1-13, Rev 19:7-8; 21:2**)
- 3) This weekend, San Diego was host to the annual gay pride festival. What does the Bible say about homosexuality? (**Romans 1:26-27, Genesis 19, Judges 19, Mt 15:19, Acts 15:29, Romans 1:24, 1 Corinthians 5, Eph 5:3, Jude 1:6-8, Rev 21:8**) We believe in the Bible, and the Bible is clear that homosexuality is a sin, sexual immorality. Like any other sin, the blood of Jesus and repentance can cleanse and restore. If you are dealing with this sin, or have questions, please let your Facilitator or Regional Pastor know.
- 4) Last week we asked, "Is there someone in your life that God has put on your heart to share Jesus with?" You were to spend some time with your accountability partner, and pray about how and when to share with that person. Who did you give an Audio Adrenaline Flyer to? What happened? Be specific. (Facilitator's, please include the praise reports to your report this week)

CLOSER WALK

- 1) The untamable tongue – What do the following verses say about gossip? **James 3, Proverbs 16:28, Proverbs 20:19, Romans 1:28-30**
- 2) For the Christian, edification is the alternative to gossip (**Romans 14:18-20**). Spend some time building one another up by going around the group and finishing the statement, "One thing I like about you is _____"
- 3) What does pride promote? (**James 4**) Review the following verses on pride: **2 Chronicles 26:16, Psalms 10:3-5, Proverbs 8:12-14, 13:10, 16:18**. What is the opposite of pride? Read and apply **Proverbs 29:22-24**.
- 4) Read **James 5:16-20**. Share how you can "just do it!" this week, and don't forget to bring someone to OAT on Sunday for Audio Adrenaline!

**"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5:11**



Announcements

Got skills? Skills that bring order, see details, and would bless others? The ROCK Administrative Team needs your help! If you have free time a few hours a week that you can help our Small Groups, Worship, or Youth Ministry with data entry, phone calls, and other office duties, we would be blessed to have you! To volunteer or intern with our staff, please contact melissak@therocksandiego.org or ext. 242.

Calendar of Events:

- **Dunamis:** Join us on Tuesday, July 28, as we gather to pray for our city and the homosexuality that is so prevalent in our community!
- **Single Parent's Ministry Bonfire:** Join us on Saturday, August 2 at 7:00 at Mission Bay (next to the Hilton) for some fun and fellowship! For more information, or to help out, please contact Patty Hjort at pattyh42@msn.com
- **All Coaches, Facilitators, Hosts, and Apprentices** – Mandatory meeting on **Sunday, August 10 from 12:30 – 3:00 in the Sanctuary.** Join us as we cast the vision for year four of Small Groups here at The ROCK.
- **Attention All Ladies!** Sign up for the 3rd Annual ROCK Women's Retreat! The cost is \$139.00. The deadline to register is this weekend! *Please prayerfully consider and making a financial contribution to help a sister attend!*

ROCK University, welcomes everyone at the ROCK to participate in some exciting upcoming events. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." **James 4:8**

- **Hume Lake**, September 13-19th. Faith Class/ Wilderness Trip. In the majestic Sierra Nevada Mountains. Enjoy a week of hiking, camping, & especially increasing your faith.
- **Grand Tour to Israel**, November 9-22nd. A 14 day adventure to the beautiful city of Jerusalem and surrounding towns. Walking through the Bible and experiencing where our faith began. For more information, contact octaviaj@therocksandiego.org or ext 239.