SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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Transformed by Faith, Part 7
"Ready Like Freddy"
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Banquet: On **Saturday, November 19,** each guest attending the Thanksgiving Banquet will be given a bag of necessities. We are collecting t-shirts, socks, washcloths, bus tokens and toiletries (new items only). Donations will also be passed out by our Outreach Team the morning of the banquet and can be brought to the Rescue Mission that morning.

Home for the Holidays: Are you a family with a big heart and a little room at the table for 1 or 2 or more people? How about extending a seat out to a single person, student or family? We are all a part of God's family and the holidays can prove to be a lonely time when your family is far away. If you would like to open your home, or would like to get connected with a family over the holidays, email Dondi Rowry at without_void@yahoo.com.

1st Annual Rock Church Craft Fair & Fundraiser: Everyone is invited to join us for our Rock Craft Fair on Saturday, December 3. This event will be held at the Rock Church from 9 AM – 2 PM. For more information, email singleparentfamily@therocksandiego.org.

Toys for Joy: Every child makes a Christmas list, but not all children receive a gift. Christmas is upon us and the ninth annual Miles Ahead TOYS FOR JOY on **Friday, December 16** is approaching fast. This is a great opportunity for everyone to make a difference in a child's life, simply by donating a brand new toy. Our goal is to raise 3000 brand new toys for children ranging from infant to eighteen years of age. *If every small group donated just ten toys, we would easily surpass this goal!!!* For more information please stop by out Toys for Joy table outside after services or contact Johnny Martinez at 619.223.4622 or johnnym@milesahead.com.

Pebbles Pathway: Can you spend an hour a week to help grow followers of Jesus? Pebbles Pathway can use your help! If you would like to spend some time during any weekend service with our children's ministry team, contact lisal@therocksandiego.org or stop by the Youth Building after service.

Rock Recovery is a Christian 12-Step ministry of the Rock Church. Rock Recovery is a Christ-centered, co-ed support group that uses small group interaction, scripture and twelve step principles, for those affected by addictions. Please contact steveb@therocksandiego.org.

Memory Verse: And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Prayer: Please pray for the upcoming Thanksgiving Banquet from the volunteers to the guests; pray that we would get a flood of donations to be able to pass out gift bags to all our guests; pray that many men, women and children in need would hear about the banquet and be able to come; pray that they would experience the love of Christ and give their lives to Him; also pray that many of them would desire to enroll in the Rescue Mission's Program for a new start.



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For additional resources for this study, please refer to the online Small Group Support Materials.

Connect:

- 1. In what way(s) did you "step out of the boat" last week?
- 2. When you think of the word ministry, what thoughts or feelings come to mind?

Grow:

- 3. Read **Mark 8:1-9.** What prevented the disciples from viewing this circumstance as an opportunity for ministry? In what way did Jesus minister to the people? What was His motivation?
- 4. Read **2 Timothy 1:9**, 1 **John 3:14**, **1 Peter 2:9** and **Romans 7:4**. According to the scriptures, how would you define "ministry"? Give who what, when, where, why of ministry according to the Bible.
- 5. What strategies does Satan use to take the joy out of ministry? What strategies does Satan use to prevent you from seeing every circumstance as an opportunity for ministry? Does he cause you to fear or doubt? Does he cause you to focus only on yourself?

Live:

6. Keep your eyes open to any ministry opportunities God presents this week. Next week, come ready to share your experiences.

