SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Leviticus Quiz and Easter Prep Miles McPherson March 19, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Thank you!" The Small Group Staff wants to send out a big "thank you" to all who attended our Small Group Essentials Training this past Saturday. We appreciate you carving out time on a Saturday to be with us. We hope you were encouraged by it and that you took away some very practical and powerful tools to help lead your small group. We'd love your feedback concerning the training—just email your thoughts to carolyny@therocksandiego.org.
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The core message of Leviticus is that God wants to set us aside for His own purposes. This week we are going to drill down into one of those purposes to understand how we can best cooperate with God's plan for people. It's important that we do this from time to time because our lives can get so full and busy that it's easy to forget some of the basics of following Jesus. So let's get some perspective, recalibrate our internal compasses, and realign with one of those basics.

Note to leaders: Don't feel like you have to cover all of these questions. Focus on the questions that are most appropriate for your group. Also, feel free to add questions that will enhance the discussion.

Getting Started

- 1. Many have said that God has two major purposes when it comes to people. Read the following verses and summarize those purposes:
 - 1. Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8
 - 2. Romans 8:29, Ephesians 4:11-13
- 2. Think about something for a moment. If you just found a \$100 bill, what would you do? Who would you tell? Let's take this a step further. If you went to a grocery store and found out that, for an hour, they were giving out \$100 bills to every customer what would you do? Who would you tell? It's hard to imagine a "\$100 bill give-away" not feeling like good news to someone.



In many churches the gospel of Jesus is called the "good news." Does the gospel feel like good news to you? Does it really? What feels like good news when you think about telling people about Jesus?

How would a Christian act if he or she felt like the gospel was good news? What are some specific things he or she would do?

Digging Deeper

1. How confident do you feel in your ability to tell someone how to become a Christian (a follower of Jesus)?

What do you think are the core components of the message when you tell someone the "good news" about Jesus?

2. There is a familiar tool called the "Romans Road" that many Christians use to explain the process of becoming a follower of Jesus. Look at the following verses and summarize the point of each verse.

Romans Road to a Relationship with Jesus:

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9-10

3. Read the following verses and summarize some of the different styles people use to help friends and family come to know Jesus. Try to come up with a one word description of each evangelism style.

Luke 14:23

Matthew 5:16

1 John 1:1-3

2 Timothy 4:2



Bringing it Home

1. It has been said that no one can argue with your story. It's your story and only you know how your story goes. How clear are you on your story of becoming a follower of Jesus? Our personal stories are a potent tool for helping someone else become a follower of Jesus.

How does your story go? What are some of the basics of your story of becoming a Christian?

2. What does it feel like to think about inviting friends or family to a Rock weekend service or to the Easter service in particular? Describe that a little. When you think about it do you feel anxious? Fearful? Excited? Apprehensive? Energized? Something else?

Do you have friends or family members you would like to invite to the Easter services at Cox arena? How will you do that?

3. Some of us have been followers of Jesus for many years and after a while we can look around and realize that our only friends are Christian friends. If you are like that then maybe one of the best things you can do is simply make room in your life for people who aren't already followers of Jesus.

What would you have to do to make room in your life for people who don't already know Jesus? What would have to go? What would you rearrange?

Who are some of the unchurched people in your life that you need to make room for? What are their names? How do you know them?

What would you like to do to make them a bigger part of your life? In other words, how can you begin to develop a friendship with some of those people?

