SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Extreme Home Takeover, Part 7 Questions written by Pastor John Dehnert April 29, 2007



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foundations in Leadership Class begins next week! Let us give you the tools to help you lead anything well and, more specifically, apply that to leading a small group. The training begins Tuesday, May 8, 7:15 PM and meets for 8 weeks. For more info or to sign up, contact Andy Rodgers at andyr@therocksandiego.org or 858.268.1366 x2012.

Unleashed, Men's Conference is this Saturday, 7:30 AM - 12 PM, 3554 Ruffin Rd. For more information, log onto http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/2878/.

For all other Rock events, please go http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/.

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

As "small groupies," you are the heart and soul of this ministry-who better than you to lift up the Small Group Ministry in prayer? So, it's up to you, you can spend time in your small group praying for these things (weekly or occasionally), or you can pray during the week on your own time. And if you'd like to be added to our Pastor's Prayer Team(s), just let us know. John Dehnert, Mark Collins, or Paul Garrison, our small group pastors, would love your prayers! We send out a monthly email of their personal and ministry prayer requests. Just contact Andy Rodgers at andyr@therocksandiego.org. May God work through your prayers mightily!

Reaching the Lost: Can you pray that God would continue to give you and your small group opportunities to share Jesus with those far from Him? Pray for the courage and wisdom to know how to build relationships with them.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: We had over 600 people sign-up to be in a small group! Woohoo! Can you pray that these people would get plugged into the right group and follow through with their commitment? Can you also pray for the new group leaders (courage, confidence, and wisdom in leading)?

Potential Small Group Leaders: Our next small group new leader training begins next Tuesday night and goes for 8 weeks. Can you pray that God would send the right people and that they'd be blessed by the training?

Small Group Staff: Wisdom in plugging in the right people to the right small groups. Can you also pray for the upcoming trainings we'll be delivering over the next couple of months (preparation, materials, and that the room/sound/set-up details would come together)?

MEMORY VERSE

But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it. Numbers 14:24

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS - CONSISTENT CALEB

One of the things we often say at the Rock is that the church is God's plan A for reaching lost people and there is no plan B. What we mean is that God doesn't have a contingency plan for achieving His mission in the world if the church doesn't come through. Do you get the implication of that? If the church is God's "plan A" then that means you and I are a part of that plan too because we make up the church.

Getting Started

- 1. On a scale of 1–10, how certain are you of God's assignment, or plan, for your life? (1 is no certainty at all and 10 is total certainty.) Talk about that a bit.
- 2. If you were given enough money to quit your job and fully devote yourself to God's plan for your life, how would life look in two years?

Digging Deeper

- 3. Take a look at the verses below and talk about how some of God's greatest followers responded to their God-given assignment.
 - a. Jeremiah 1:4-7
 - b. Exodus 4:10-13
 - c. Judges 6:1-6; 11-15
 - d. 1 Kings 19:1-5
 - e. Jonah 1:1-3
 - f. In what ways do you feel just like these leaders? Can you recall a time when you did or said what they've said?
- 4. Some of God's people responded to their assignment differently than the leaders mentioned above. What did these people do differently?
 - a. 1 Kings 3:4-9

- b. 1 Samuel 17:48 What is the context of this verse? What happens before and after this verse?
- c. Mark 14:32-42
- 5. What are some of the things that keep us from fulfilling the plan God has for us?
 - a. Judges 2:6-13
 - b. 1 Kings 19:3-7 What were the specific things that weighed down Elijah?

Bringing it Home

- 6. For the sake of clarity, how would you summarize God's plan, assignment, or call for your life? Take a minute or two and write it down in a sentence.
- 7. What are the barriers in life, right now, that keep you from fully plunging into God's plan for you? What are the things that keep you from living that plan?
- 8. What are some of the things you can do to break through those barriers keeping you from fully living God's plan for your life? **What will you do**?
- 9. Or maybe you *are* fully plunging into God's plan for your life right now...how is that for you? How is it different from when you weren't fully living God's plan for your life? And how can you keep persevering in it?