SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

THE INVISIBLE MAN IS QUALIFIED Pastor Miles March 8, 2009 Questions written by Brandon Fries



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group leaders are you encouraging your group members to join the Rock Army? Your group can catch the vision of becoming a part of a movement that encourages people to become World-Class Christians. To join, check out the ARMY requirements at **www.therocksandiego.org/army/**

We want to encourage you and your group to take time to get out and serve in the community. This is a great opportunity for you to make a difference and connect with your small group. Give us a call if you need some ideas.

We also want to remind you to continue to submit your online reports. This is a great tool so you can communicate with us so we can answer any questions you have and be in prayer for you and your group. Keep up the good work.

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.. May God work through your prayers mightily!

Reaching the Lost: Pray that all the small groups continue to develop relationships with those who are far from God, and invite them to their small groups.

Current Small Group Leaders/Small Groups: Pray that all of our Small Groups take time to follow up on all the new people trying to get into small groups.

Potential Small Group Leaders: Pray that our current leaders continue to give their ministry away and develop future leaders to reach their full potential in Jesus.

The Rock Body: Pray that the Rock Army grows deeper and deeper in accountability to one another.

MEMORY VERSE

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16(NIV)

Getting Started

What is the best gift you ever received?

When I was young, I remember the excitement of Christmas Eve night. I would go to bed extremely early in an attempt to go to sleep so that the morning would come, but struggled to get to sleep and I never managed to get past my excitement for the next day... a mountain of gifts with my name on them. Every Christmas we would all receive one "special" present. This was the big gift, the one that they spent the most money on and the one we were always most excited about opening and my parents were excited to see our expression as we opened it.

The Holy Spirit is that "special gift" that God has given us. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would frequently empower people for a specific service, or protect God's people and enabled them to overtake their enemies. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit indwells in the believers. We first see this indwelling in Christ himself when he is baptized, and then later the Spirit is given to His disciples in at Pentecost in Acts 2. Throughout this series we will be investigating the work of the Holy Spirit and what that means to us.

Digging Deeper

- 1. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, the Invisible Man, to you. John 16:7-14. After reading verses 8-11, how would you describe the three goals of the Spirit? Which one are you currently experiencing? When has the Spirit instructed you to do something that was hard or contradicted what you thought best?
- 2. As God, The Invisible Man is Omniscient, all-knowing. 1 Corinthians 2:10-15. I find it extremely comforting knowing that the all knowing God has placed the "Invisible Man" in me to speak to me and help direct my life. When has the Spirit instructed you to do something that was hard or contradicted what you thought best?
- **3. As God, The Invisible Man is Omnipresent**, **everywhere at one time. Psalm 139:7-12** What comfort can we have from reading this passage, specifically verses 11-12? When was a time you tried to run from God? Is there a "dark" situation in your life? How can you bring it into God's light?
- **4.** As God, The Invisible Man is Omnipotent, all-powerful. Genesis 1:2, Job 33:4 How does the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit give you comfort? Where have you witnessed this power in your life? What can you do to begin to live in this power daily?

Bringing it home

The Holy Spirit plays a pivotal role in our relationship with God, our relationship with others and our understanding of ourselves. I'm so humbled knowing that the Holy Spirit; who is all knowing, all powerful and everywhere at one time, lives in me. As I review my life and think of the times that I heard the "soft

whisper" of God's voice in my ear, I cringe because more times than not I have ran away from the voice, much like Jonah.

What is one thing that God has been asking you to do that you haven't done yet? What are your action steps this week to get started? If you have an accountability partner, let them know and if you don't find someone that will walk along side of you during this journey to pray and encourage you along the way.