

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY



PART 1 AND 2

MATTHEW 1:18-25; 2:1-12

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Text DISCIPLER to 52525 to receive information about our Bible reading plan, fasting resources, and rGroups/dGroups.

Memory Verse: Matthew 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Part 1: December 23, 2018

1. I have faith/am fearful to allow the Holy Spirit to direct the next step in my life.

Part 2: December 24, 2018

2. My heart is troubled/rejoices at the idea of Jesus being on the throne of my heart.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

	rGROUPS	dGROUPS
MODEL	Open to anyone	Closed to believers only and by invite only
MAKE-UP	3-12 or more	3-5
DYNAMIC	Co-ed or gender specific	Gender specific
PURPOSE	To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to grow in Christ-centered community that equips people to mature in their faith and service.	Ensure that every member of Rock Church becomes a self-feeding believer who participates in a discipleship relationship that reproduces the life of Christ in another person.
TIME FRAME AND MEETING LENGTH	A community that exists for a period of time and then launches new groups. Ideally 3 months to a year (30 – 90 minutes monthly).	A smaller group that exists for 12-18 months (60 – 90 minutes weekly).
EXPECTATION OF MEMBERS	Flexible expectations of members, largely dependent on the rGroup as a whole.	High expectation of participants, upheld by covenant commitments and consistent accountability.
LEADERSHIP	One or two leaders nurture spiritual growth within the rGroup and develop future leaders.	Participants are mutually accountable and help each other grow in spiritual maturity in preparation to lead a future dGroup.
OUTCOME	Designed to grow and multiply biblical community.	Designed to replicate disciple-makers.
HOW DO I DO BOTH?	OPTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet as an rGroup for 30 minutes and then breakout into dGroups (gender specific) from your rGroup. • Have your rGroup at night during the week and have your dGroup on another day (breakfast/lunchtime/evening). • You can do dGroup every other week. 	

Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as A-B-C

Gospel A-B-C's // Father, I Admit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I Believe that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins. **Romans 5:8**

I Confess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you understood that prayer and prayed to accept Jesus' invitation into a relationship, text "SAVED" to 52525.