



Life Group Guide

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COMMUNITY

Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we become good friends who enjoy and support one another in all aspects of life.

HOLIDAYS! Share how you saw our Father reveal Himself to you in a new and special way over the holidays.

NEW YEAR! Share one godly desire you have for 2017.

Share what you plan to do that will help this godly desire happen.

DISCIPLESHIP

Becoming more like Jesus in our character and skilled at doing life as He did. Helping others come to Jesus, follow Jesus, and lead others to follow Jesus also.

Disciple-Maker's Character

Humility: Ability to see yourself from Jesus' perspective and submit yourself to Him.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-11

-What does this passage teach about the importance of humility?

-Describe humility in your own words. What are the key aspects to humility?

Disciple-Maker's Life Skills

Apply Scripture with the Spirit's help to overcome temptations.

Read Luke 4:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:13

-Share a recent time you used Scripture to overcome a temptation you were facing.

Accountability & Prayer

Break into smaller groups (men & women)

Creating a safe environment to be vulnerable, honest & accountable to each other.

-Share how you are doing with your responsibilities (personally, home, work).

-Share one thing you would like the group to pray for you this week.

-Pray for each other.

MISSIONAL LIVING

Encouraging each other to serve people inside and outside the walls of Rockpoint.

Living as Fishers of Men: Share who you are praying for where you live, work & play that our Father would bring to personally trust Jesus to save and change their lives.

Rockpoint Missionary: Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.

Sermon Discussion *Use the following application questions from the sermon.*

As you listened to the message, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life?

Why?

Big Idea: We know that God, our Father, is trustworthy and our relationship with Him through His Son Jesus is secure since He knows all things and lovingly orchestrates everything for His glory and our ultimate good in Him.

Read Romans 9 What 5 questions did you think of as you read this chapter?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

FOUR Principles about God's Sovereignty:

God's sovereignty unfolds His redemptive plan (9:1 – 5)

-Describe how God's sovereignty is seen in His plan to save sinners.

God's sovereignty displays His faithfulness to His promises (9:6 – 13)

-What are some of the ways God has been faithful to His promises?

God's sovereignty demonstrates His perfect mercy (9:14 – 18)

-What are some ways that God has demonstrated His mercy?

God's sovereignty defends His fairness (9:19 – 33)

-How has God shown that He is fair in all His works?

FIVE Practical lessons to live by

Our Heavenly Father is bigger than we can possibly fathom.

-Give an example of how you have recently experienced God's 'bigness.'

We can rest in our Father's proven character.

-Share a time when you had to rest in our Father's character even though circumstances were tempting you to doubt Him or even turn from Him.

Our Father's promises in His Word never fail. (see Lamentations 3:22, 23)

-What promise has our Father used to prompt you to trust Him during a hard time?

Our relationship with God our Father is secure in Jesus Christ.

-How would you describe the security of your relationship with God to a friend?

Our Father invites us to pursue a relationship with Him by faith.

-What is your plan to grow in your intimacy with the Lord Jesus this year?