



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.

CAREERS If you could choose your career over, What would you choose?

UNFINISHED TASKS! What is one unfinished task you would like to complete? Why is that task so important to you?

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 & submit yourself to Him

Read Philippians 2:1-11; James 4:1-10

-What does these passages teach about the importance of humility?

-What does it take to develop humility in your life?

-How do you know if humility is being developed in you? Outward & inward evidence?

Disciple-Maker's Life Skills

Applying Scripture with the Spirit's help to overcome temptations

Read Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:14-16; James 1:13-14

-What do these passages say about overcoming temptation?

Share a recent example of when you overcame temptation and how you overcame it.

Accountability & Prayer Break into smaller groups (men & women)

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

-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.*

Big Idea: The incarnation (God taking on humanity) brings God into our world to change us by doing what we could never do. It also gives us all we need by the fullness of His grace and truth to live and display His glory as eternally loved children.

Read John 1:1-18

Jesus became a man so I could become God's child (1:9 – 13)

- *Are people born by birth a child of God? Explain. How did Jesus' becoming the 'God-Man' make a way for anyone to become God's child? What response is needed?
- *Explain in your own words what is the 'spiritual birth'? See John 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 5:17
- *Some key qualities of Christ-like character that Jesus is building into YOUR life are: **living loved** (from not for His love), **living free** from sin to follow Jesus; **humility** and **integrity**. Which of these character qualities is God changing in you? Example?

Jesus became a man to reveal the glory of God (1:14)

- *How would you describe God's glory to someone new to following Christ?
- *Share a moment in Jesus' life where He clearly revealed an aspect of God's glory.
- *Share in your own words what John meant by GRACE ? What TRUTH meant?

Jesus became a man to reveal grace and truth (1:14, 16, 17)

- *What do you think John meant when he said Jesus is FULL of grace and truth?
- *How has Jesus been full of grace and truth to you, in your life? Give an example.
- *What did John the Baptizer mean in verse 15?
- *In what sense has every Christ follower 'received from Jesus' fullness' (16)? Example
- *How does verse 17 reveal two distinct time periods in God's dealing with mankind?

Jesus became a man to show us God the Father (1:18)

- *What did John mean that no one had ever seen God (18)? How did Jesus change it?
- *What is God's point in the second half of the verse? Why is this ALL important for us?

Read the following verses. What do they say about believers today?

- 1 Cor. 3:16 _____
- 1 Cor. 6:19 _____
- 1 Cor. 12:27 _____
- Eph. 2:20-21 _____
- 1 Peter 2:5 _____

- *What does the phrase mean to you: *"Be the church the way the church was meant to be"*? If Jesus 'lived in your skin' (which He does), what is He wanting to do in you?
- *How should believing in the Incarnation impact how we suffer as believers? Explain.
- *How should the reality that Jesus now lives in YOU, impact how you live? Examples?