



Life Group Guide

Sunday, January 28, 2018

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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.

ADMIRE! Who is someone famous you admire? Why?

Who is someone in your life you admire? Why?

SWEET/SOUR! What was the best thing about this past week? Worst thing?

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: What is a witness? Giving testimony to what he/she has seen or experienced. John the Baptist and the early disciples gave witness (testified) to who Jesus Christ is. Jesus invites us to simply tell those around us how He has changed our lives. With whom is our Father inviting you to be bold with this week where you live, work or play?

Read John 1 Living As Witnesses (Which is one aspect of disciple-making)

John the Baptizer's Testimony to Unbelievers (1:19-28)

- Why did the religious leaders want to know who John the Baptizer was? Why care?
- What was John's answer to them? Why is this significant (See Mal. 3:1;4:5-6)?
- What was their second question to John? Why was this question important?
- What was John's answer to this question? In essence, what is John saying to them?
- *When asked about your relationship to Jesus, what is your answer (1 Pet. 3:13-17)?

John the Baptizer's Testimony about Jesus Christ (1:29-34)

- What does John say about Jesus? How did John 'recognize' Jesus as Messiah?
- Why is it important that Jesus is referred to as: 'The Lamb of God...' 'He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit' and 'The Son of God'? Why are each of these so important?
- *Has Jesus taken away your sin? How many sins are forgiven? How do you know?
- *How does this passage give witness (though not prove) to the truth about the Trinity?

John the Baptizer's Testimony to his disciples about Jesus (1:35-42)

- What does John's testimony about Jesus lead Andrew to start doing? Why important?
- What does Jesus ask these two new disciples? What is their answer? Why important?
- What is the significance of Jesus giving Simon a different name (Cephas=Peter)?
- *Like John, are you quick to always point your disciples to Jesus Christ, not yourself?
- *Give an example of a time you maybe failed at doing this? Succeeded in doing this?

Jesus' Testimony about Himself to His disciples (1:43-51)

- What does Jesus invite Philip to do? Explain what this might have meant for Philip.
- What did Philip do immediately? Why do you think he did this? What did he say?
- What did Jesus say about Nathanael? Why is Nathanael's question so insightful (48)?
- What are some of the 'greater things' (50) that Nathanael would see?
- *Explain how Jesus' testimony was always 'show and tell'. Why was this important?

DISCUSS HOW EACH STATEMENT IS REAL (or not real yet) IN YOUR LIFE.

- God wants to use you to live as a witness of Jesus where you live, work and play.
- Jesus wants you to live a life of both separation from sinning AND close to sinners.
- Invite people to 'COME & SEE' Jesus in your life...up close and personal.
- Point people to Jesus Christ, not to yourself or your church or even a 'way of life.'