



Life Group Guide

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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COMMUNITY...

Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we become good friends.

FEAR! What is something you are afraid of? Why?

MUSIC! What kind of music do you like the most? What is your favorite song? Singer?

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 (Christ-likeness)

SPIRIT-FILLED: choosing to let Jesus live His LIFE in/through me by His Spirit.

-Read John 14-16 & note what Jesus says about the person of the Holy Spirit.

-How does Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit? What does this say about Him (Spirit)?

-In Jn. 16:7, Jesus said it was to the disciples' advantage that He go away. Explain this.

-What is the Spirit's relationship to Jesus (16:14-15)? What's His relationship to you?

Disciple-Maker's Competencies (Life Skills)

DISCIPLING: Helping a new Christ-follower grow in Christ & disciple others.

Organizational: Gathering to the church to make disciples through church's ministries & programs. Group discipleship led by ministry leaders, driven by events and classes.

Organic: Scattering from the church to make disciple makers through relational, intentional huddling of groups of 3-4 people. Life on life discipleship led by a discipler and is driven by relationships of encouragement, accountability and challenge/action.

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

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

-Share one thing you want 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: Balancing liberty with love. In the context of refraining from judging 'weak' Christians, the law of love and serving one another for the sake of the Gospel of grace encourages believers to do everything from a position of love for Jesus and others. Let GRACE be the atmosphere of our lives.

Romans 14:13-15:13 Balancing Liberty with Love in an Atmosphere of Grace

Write down three key thoughts that come from this passage.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY...

1. Decide to protect the spiritual life of one another (14:13 – 16)

-What does it mean in 14:15 '...if your brother is grieved...'? Grieved in what way?

2. Pursue what brings peace and spiritual growth with one another (14:17 – 19)

-Put 14:17 in your own words. Give an example of this verse from your own life.

3. Keep the main thing, the main thing (14:20 - 23)

-What is the main thing?

-Read 1 Corinthians 10:23, 24. What is the point of these verses? Give an example.

4. If it causes a brother or sister in Christ to stumble, be considerate (14:21)

-Explain 'stumble': is it getting bent out of shape or acting against your conscience?

5. If you are not sure what you believe, get convinced (14:22, 23)

-How does Paul define sin in 14:23? Give an example. How can you 'get convinced'?

6. Allow yourself room to grow over time (14:22, 23)

-Is what you do based on Scripture truth or just your own preferences? Explain.

7. Serve one another (15:1 – 13)

-How does 15:1-13 say we are to serve one another? Give an example from your life. Read Gal. 5:13-15. What do these verses tell us about Christian freedom? Example?

-Which of these Life Principles is most needed in you life right now? Explain.

-If you could ask Jesus one question about one of these principles, what would it be?

-What 1 thing will you DO THIS WEEK differently because of one of these principles?