



## Life Group Guide

Sunday, April 30, 2017

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### COMMUNITY...

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

**DIFFICULT!** What is one of the hardest things you have ever done? Why was it hard?

**CHILDHOOD!** If you could change one thing about your childhood, what would it be?

### 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)

**LIVING LOVED:** *Choosing to live FROM the Father's love of being fully accepted, unconditionally loved and delighted in, not trying to live FOR the Father's love.*

Read Romans 8. What does this passage say about living loved?

#### Disciple-Maker's Competencies (Life Skills)

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

**How to converse with a stranger? Use FORM (Family, Occupation, Religion, Message)** When engaging in a conversation with a new person, it is helpful to think of the acronym **FORM**. Begin by asking questions concerning the person's **family**, then their **occupation** and then to their **religion** will help you get to know the person. If the person is still open to you, he/she is probably a person of peace (see below). At that point, it might be possible for you to share the **message**, either of your faith story or the Gospel.

#### 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:** We so often try to minimize danger and discomfort, uncertainty... we want easy or predictable... but that isn't always best... the best things in life take time, and nothing worth having comes easy, there needs to be a calculated risk.

### **Read Joshua 1:1-9 Calculated Risk: Be Strong and Courageous!**

#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

#### **BE STRONG... be firm, be secure, sustain, make hard, support, prevail**

-Give an example of a time our Father invited you to BE STRONG.

-What is another Biblical example of someone who was invited to BE STRONG that encourages you to BE STRONG?

#### **BE COURAGEOUS... not the absence of fear... what you do in the face of it.**

-Give an example of a time our Father invited you to BE COURAGEOUS.

-What is another Biblical example of someone who was invited to BE COURAGEOUS that encourages you to BE COURAGEOUS?

#### **1. Because of God's promise! – v.6**

-What promise from God encourages you to be strong & courageous? Explain.

#### **2. Because of God's Word! – vv.7-8**

-What passages of Scripture encourage you to be strong & courageous? Explain.

#### **3. Because God is with you! – v.9**

-Give an example of God being with you that helps you be strong & courageous.

#### **BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS:**

-Explain in your own words this statements: 'Calculated risk becomes courage... and courage becomes confidence!'

"When we risk losing face or money or life because we believe God will always help us and use our loss, in the end, to make us more glad in his glory, then it's not we who get the praise because of our courage; it's God who gets the praise because of his care. In this way risk reflects God's value, not our valor." - Piper

#### **Application and next steps:**

What is a 'next step' for you? Explain.