



COMMUNITY...

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

GREAT JOB! One of the greatest compliments I ever received was... because...
TICK TOCK! What is your favorite time of the day? Why?

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 FREELY: Jesus Christ, through His death and resurrection and your trusting Him to save you, has set you free FROM God's punishment, condemnation, sin's guilt, shame, rejection and fear. He has also freed you TO experience His infinite love, unconditional grace, enabling power to live a holy life & effectively make disciple makers.

Read John 8:31-36 & Galatians 5:1-16. What do these passages say about being free?

- What do you need to experience freedom FROM (remove from your life)?
- What do you need to experience freedom TOWARDS (add to your life)?

Disciple-Maker's Competencies (Life Skills)

LEADING: Growing in your leading skills to influence, direct & empower others.

Read Psalm 78:72 & Joshua 1. What do these passages teach about leadership?

- What are some leadership principles that are important to you? Why?
- What is an area of leadership that you would like to grow and develop in? Why?

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.*

Big Idea: While we all look at our marriage through various lenses, it is the lens of grace that enables us to meet three primary needs in our spouse. When we do, we begin to understand how two are better than one. (See Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Family Strong—When Grace Fills A Marriage

Read Ephesians 5:21-33 (see especially 5:32)

Grace gives your spouse a secure love

Love is the commitment of my will to your needs and best interests, regardless of the cost. "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

*How do you show that you **accept your spouse**? What makes this hard?

*How do you **show affection towards your spouse** in his/her love language?

Grace gives your spouse a significant purpose

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." Eph. 4:29

*What are two ways that you **affirm your spouse**? Why is this effective?

*Share a time when you **admonished your spouse**? How did it go? Explain.

Grace gives your spouse a strong hope

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:1-5

*Share a time when you **encouraged the God-given abilities** of your spouse.

*How have you **encouraged your spouse toward great accomplishments**?

Read Revelation 2:1-7 In light of what we talked about...

What do you need to repent of? What do you need to remember?

What is your #1 take away? Why? How will you apply this now?