



COMMUNITY...

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

GOD! When did GOD become more than just a word to you? How did that happen?

TIME-TRAVEL! If you had a time-travel machine, what time would you go to? 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 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 2 Cor. 2:14-3:18. 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.

-Help the person you are discipling apply the **GOSPEL GRID** to all of their life.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Options</u>
What?	Behavior	Do what your flesh wants (sin) or do what God wants (obey)
Why?	Motive	Obey from obligation/duty or opportunity for intimacy/thankful
How?	Method	Try in your flesh or Trust Jesus through the Spirit's enabling
Who?	Source	Your flesh=Self-effort or the Holy Spirit living Jesus' life in you

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: When serving sacrificially leads to hardships, suffering and even persecution, don't give up or compromise God's message. God demonstrates His power and grace when we are at our weakest moments in life. .

BOLD... Living Sacrificially

Read 2 Corinthians 4

Don't lose heart and compromise the truth (4:1-6)

*Share a time you lost heart? What happened that caused you to lose heart?

*What truth have you been tempted to compromise? Why?

—Renounce the temptation to water down God's message to get a hearing (4:2)

Read Acts 17:11 What is the point of this verse?

*What are some ways God's message is watered down?

—Remember, you are in a spiritual battle for the eternal souls of people (4:3,4)

Read Eph. 2:2; 1 Peter 5:8 What are some of the key ideas in these verses?

*What are some ways Satan (god of this world) blinds people to the Gospel?

Don't lose heart — Proclaim Christ & Serve others (4:5-18)

*What does it mean to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord? *What's Paul's point in verse 6?

Read 2 Cor. 12:7-10 What is Paul saying in these verse?

Your sacrifice of suffering and service... (4:7-18)

—Shows God's surpassing power (4:7-14)

*What is the treasure that Paul is referring to? What does 'jars of clay' refer to?

*What kind of suffering have you experienced lately?

*What does Paul say is one of the purposes of his suffering (vs. 10-12)?

—Extends the grace of Jesus to others (4:15)

*Why does Christian suffering sometimes bring unbelievers to trust Jesus as Savior?

—Brings spiritual transformation in our lives (4:16)

*What tempts you to give up? When you're tempted to lose heart, what should you do?

*How does our Father renew your inner self (spirit)? Give examples.

—Prepares us for eternal rewards (4:17, 18) See Matthew 6:19-24

*How does Paul describe his affliction/trials? Why is it helpful to see them like this?

*What are the things that are unseen? What are some of the 'eternal rewards'?