



## Life Group Guide

Sunday, December 10, 2017

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## COMMUNITY...

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

**MOVIES!** What is your favorite movie? Why? Favorite Christmas movie? Why?

**ROLL 'EM** What actor/actress would you want to play you in a documentary about you?

## 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

**Spirit-filled: living yielded to the Spirit's leading & enabling presence & purpose.**

-1 Cor. 2:14-3:3 -Describe the 3 'kinds' of people spoken in these verses.

-1 Thess. 5:19, Eph. 4:30; Acts 5:3,9; Luke 12:10 -What are we NOT to do?

-Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18; Jude 20; Rom. 8:4-6,14-16 -What are we to do?

-Rom. 8:26-27, 14:17, 15:13, Gal. 5:16-26 -What do these verses say about the Spirit?

-In your own words, what do these verses say about your relationship with/to the Spirit?

### Disciple-Maker's Life Skills

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

-What do you think a new Christian needs? Why? How should that happen?

**5 Assurances:** Salvation, Answered prayer, Victor over sin, Forgiveness, Guidance

-What verses support each of these assurances needed by a new Christian?

-What experiences / relationships does a new Christian need? 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 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.*

### **Do you see what I see? God with Us** Matthew 1:18 – 23

**Big Idea:** Jesus entered our world of darkness as the God man to save us and be with us for all eternity. The incarnation changes everything.

#### **Jesus is fully God**

**Because Jesus is God, then everything He said and does becomes plausible.**

**John 1:1 – 3** “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

**Colossians 1:16** “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him.”

**Colossians 2:9** “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,”

**Acts 2:36** “Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**John 8:58** “Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, “I am.”

*\*What do these verses say is true about Jesus’ identity? What’s unique to only Jesus?*

*\*Why is it important to see, understand and believe the truth about Jesus’ identity?*

**Because Jesus is God, then hope is real.**

Matthew 1:21b – “...Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins.”

*\*What specific areas of your life do you need ‘fresh’ hope? Why?*

#### **Jesus is fully man**

**Because Jesus is fully man, we see what a life of service looks like.**

**Matthew 20:28** “even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

*\*Why did Jesus become a full human being? What did it ‘cost’ Jesus to do this? Why?*

*\*In what ways was Jesus unique and different from all other human beings?*

**Because Jesus is fully man, we’ve abundant comfort in our suffering and trials.**

Hebrews 2:17 “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God...”

Hebrews 2:18 “For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

*\*Share a time Jesus became more real/personal to you as you walked in a trial. Why?*

**Jesus is fully with us** Read Matt. 1:21-23 *\*Why is the Virgin Birth important?*

**Jesus is fully with us when we receive Him as Savior and Lord.**

*\*Share how you come to trust Jesus as your Savior. When did that happen?*

**When Jesus is fully with us he will never leave us.**

*\*Read Romans 8:28 – 39 List some of the things that Jesus promises to be for YOU.*

*\*What is one thing from these passages you can apply to your life right now? Explain.*