



Life Group Guide

Sunday, December 18, 2016

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COMMUNITY

Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we are known by others and know others as our brothers & sisters in Christ.

HOPE! How has the Lord Jesus strengthened your hope in HIM this past week?

PEACE! What causes you to lack peace most often? Why?

JOY! Share a joyful time/moment in your life. What made you joyful during that time?

LOVE! Share a recent time you were awed with joy by our Father's great love for you.

DISCIPLESHIP

Becoming more like Jesus in our character; becoming skilled at doing life as He did. Helping others come to Jesus, follow Him and lead others to follow Jesus also.

Disciple-Maker's Character

Experiencing JOY in the midst of difficulties Read **James 1:1-5, Romans 5:1-11**

What do these two passages say about choosing JOY in the midst of trying times?

Why is choosing to be joyful in Jesus (not our circumstances) so important?

Disciple-Maker's Life Skills

Ability to apply Scripture with the Spirit's help to one's life to:

Overcome temptations **Luke 4:1-14**

Experience Jesus' joy / peace during a difficult situation **Jn. 16:33, Phil. 4:6-7**

Receive direction for making decisions **Pr. 3:5-6**

Accountability & Prayer

 Break into smaller groups (men & women)

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

Share how you are doing with your responsibilities (personally, home, work).

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.*

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: The love we have for one another flows from God's love toward us and the love of Christ.

Read John 13:1—35

- What was Jesus' mindset the night before He was betrayed, arrested, crucified?
- Why did Jesus want to wash the disciples' feet?
- How did Jesus treat Judas, the one who would betray him? Why?
- Why is 'new' about the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples?

Read 1 John 3:16; 4:10, 14, 19; 5:11

- What do these verses say about God's love? What can His love do for us?
- Share how you have experienced God's great love for you recently.

1 John 3:11-18; 4:9-20

- What do these verses say God's love does in a person's life?
- What is the reason for the command for us to love one another?

Read John 15:1 – 17

As we experience God's great love, He transforms and empowers us to...

Love Him with all our heart

- Share how God's love is empowering you to love Him with all your heart and life.
- Share what you do to abide in and experience the Father's love for you each day.

Love people in our lives

- Share how someone has loved you with their words? Their actions? Their attitude?
- Share one practical way you can be a 'channel' of Jesus' love for someone...
 - in your neighborhood
 - at your workplace
 - in your family
 - where you play.

Love those who are against us

- Share how the Father has empowered you to love someone who is against you.
- Share what you think these three phrases practically mean in daily life:
 - Selfless living
 - Sacrificial living
 - Incarnational living