

WHAT WE BELIEVE



Leader's Guide

Overview

All churches have their own distinctive – which is actually a good thing. How boring would it be to have only one flavor of ice cream available at Baskin Robbins? This week's topic will focus on two documents that define and describe what makes The Rock Church unique. We will mention the Statement of faith (hand it out), but not talk a lot about it since we will be covering most of those topics in Base Camp. We will hone in on the Core Values of our church.

Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes – Greet & Treat. Welcome people. Have sticky nametag for each person.
- 30 minutes – Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and show the video.
- 35 minutes – Discussion. Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- 10 minutes – Prayer. Ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

Weekly Reminders

- Pray! Pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week and what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they can stay – but give those who need to leave the option as soon as the class time expires).

Specific Session Tips

- Make sure to have available to hand out the **Statement of Faith** for people to look at.
- Try to get copies of **The Core** booklet ahead of time to hand out as well. This is a more in depth look at what Bill is going to teach on. **The Core** in PDF format is available online as well.

Possible Discussion Questions

1. What questions do you have about The Rock's Statement of Faith (maybe have each one scan it quickly)?
2. Why do you think it is important for a church to have these type of defining documents?
3. Has anyone ever been asked "Why are there so many denominations of Christian churches? Doesn't this prove that they are disunified?"
4. Is it wrong for churches to have differences in convictions or Statements of Faith? Why?
5. Which Core Value at The Rock means the most to you? Why? (Any stories or examples?)
6. Which area do you need to grow in this week? What will you do to grow?