

# RELATIONAL SHEPHERD

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The character of God:

## I. God values \_\_\_\_\_.

A. God has always \_\_\_\_\_ in relationship.

B. God wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
*Psalm 73:25-28 "But as for me, it is good to be near God."*

## II. God is our \_\_\_\_\_.

A. God is \_\_\_\_\_ and provides for us.  
*Psalms 23:1 "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."*

Three blessings of small groups:

## I. Small groups provide \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Which is it — large or small? It's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Good things come in \_\_\_\_\_!  
*Acts 8:3; Rom 16:5; 1 Cor 16:19; Col 4:15; Phlm 2*

## II. Small groups provide \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God (Matt 22:37)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship (John 13:34)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ people to their next spiritual level (2 Tim 2:2)

## III. Small groups provide \_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of The Rock vision for small groups. (Eph 4:15)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ others for Jesus' sake. (2 Cor 4:5)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the leadership of The Rock. (Heb 13:17)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to other leaders. (Ephesians 5:21)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ and meaningful devotional life. (Ps 1:2)
6. Take spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ for others. (Rom 15:1, 2)
7. Willingness to faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ others. (2Tim 2:2)
8. Subscribe to each \_\_\_\_\_ in belief statement. (Rom 15:5)
9. \_\_\_\_\_, not gifting ... (1 Tim 3; Titus 1)
10. Other: Must \_\_\_\_\_ with ...
  - a) the Rock Church Honor code
  - b) finger printing and background check

Our model, plan and response:

## I. The model: \_\_\_\_\_ MARKET:

1. Semester breaks
2. Leadership opportunities
3. Variety!
4. **Our Goal:** 50 SG's & 80% participation

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ and process:

- A. What you need to DO ...
1. come up with a SG idea
  2. fill out and sign SG application **by Sept 1**
  3. SG directory and "Small Group Zoo" - **Sept 8-9**
  4. rally weekends: **Sept 8-9, 15-16**
  5. SG's start week of **Sept 10**

## III. Our \_\_\_\_\_:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a small group!
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a small group!