

WEEKLY GUIDE

JULY 18, 2021

1
GATHER!
SUNDAY AND
THURSDAY

BIBLE READINGS:

Matthew 16:18; Matthew 7:24; 1 Corinthians 10:4;
Psalm 18:2; Exodus 33:22; Psalm 2:12

MATTHEW 16:18

On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.

MATTHEW 7:24

If you hear my words and put them into practice you are wise, like one who builds their house on the rock.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:4

All drank the same spiritual drink; for they all drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

PSALM 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior. My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the strength of my salvation, my place of safety.

EXODUS 33:22

As my glorious presence passes by, I will hide you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

PSALM 2:12

Blessed are all who take refuge in him, who put their trust in Him. What joy for all who take refuge in him!

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TALK!
DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3
DO!
PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

4
PRAY!
MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

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DISCUSSION:

What influences people's opinion of our church? From people they know or have met who attend our church? From our past reputation? Previous pastors? Perhaps they lump us in with other Christians they know. Could it be something as simple as the name of our church?

What does The Rock Church mean to you? What does the name of our church say about us? How might an outsider view the name of our church? What might the name of our church mean to someone who doesn't read the Bible or isn't familiar with Christianity or Jesus Christ?

How can connecting Biblical meaning to our church name help us? How can understanding some of the themes relating to The Rock help us better communicate what our church is about to others? How does our name connect with our vision for what our church can be? Why is it important this is congruent?

APPLICATION:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

Our identity in our community is important. How our community views us matters. Where do people shape their opinion of our church? Could it be something as simple as the name of our church? It's a good chance that's where people who are not familiar with us form their first impression.

The Rock Life Foundation Series will explore the following themes relating to the name of our church.

- The Rock as a starting place for our relationship with God and others. Matthew 16:18
- The Rock as the foundation for our life and faith. Matthew 7:24
- The Rock as a place of provision, promise, and spiritual blessing. 1 Corinthians 10:4
- The Rock as a refuge and place of safety. Psalm 18:2
- The Rock as a place where we experience God's presence. Exodus 33:22

Let's rediscover church together! What church can be. What our community needs it to be. What Jesus envisioned it to be. Let's commit to making our church a place where people feel safe, encounter God, grow in relationship, be vulnerable, helped, encouraged, and blessed... where solid foundations for life and faith are built.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

