## announcements

Partner Picnic • September 28: Please remind partners that the Partner Picnic is coming up next Sunday. They should have received an email and a text last week with all the details.

Partner Class • October 19, 12:30-2:30pm: Where appropriate, challenge your group to make the commitment to the mission of North Rock Hill Church. At Partner Class they can learn about what it means to be an official NRHC Covenant Partner.

**Baptism • October 26:** Every week, remind your group about upcoming baptisms. Encourage them to let you know if they're interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches about baptism and what it means to take this step of obedience.

**30's and 40's singles:** Do you know of people in this season of life? If so, please pass along that there is a group planning some social events for them. If they are interested in being in the loop, please pass along their name and email to Allison (allison@ northrockhill.com).

## 2 Samuel 6

- 1. OPEN in prayer
- 2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
- 3. REVIEW the dgroup Guidelines
- **4. ASSIGN A STORYTELLER**: Prearrange to have someone in the group tell the story. Give them these guidelines:
  - Have the Bible open on your lap without reading it or looking at it. Say,
    "this is the story from God's Word." This demonstrates reverence and
    authority for Scripture and makes it clear to others that this is not a madeup story, but rather is a story from God's Word.
  - Tell the story as accurately as possible without memorizing it or using notes.
  - Avoid giving any personal comments or teaching about the story, the setting, or the meaning.
- **5. STORYTELLER TELLS THE STORY:** Encourage the group to listen for anything that may stand out to them.

- **6. REBUILD THE STORY:** Go around the room and have your group retell/rebuild the story. If your group knows they will be expected to rebuild the story, they will listen more closely and be more invested. Ask them what happened first to get started, then go through the group having everyone add details. This isn't the time for the group to share their own commentary or opinion about the story. That comes later.
- **6. READ THE STORY:** Have someone read the passage aloud from their Bible to ensure accuracy and reinforce key details.

## 7. DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

- a. What do we learn about God from this passage?
- b. What do we learn about Man/Us from this passage?
- c. In this season of your life, which character do you relate to most, and why?
- d. In light of what you've learned today, what do you need to do to obey God?

## 8. OTHER QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THIS PASSAGE:

- a. Uzzah touched the ark and was struck down, reminding Israel that God's holiness is not to be handled casually. Where in your life do you treat God's presence lightly, and what would it look like to recover a holy reverence? Help the group move past surface answers by pressing gently into specifics. Encourage them to identify an area where they want to change—whether it's in prayer, obedience, or trust. Ask follow-up questions like: "What do you think your next steps are in this?"
- b. David danced with abandon before the Lord, even at the cost of being misunderstood or mocked. Where do you feel God inviting you to let go of your dignity, comfort, or image so you can worship and obey Him with greater freedom? Ask them to think about how concern for reputation, culture, or even personality can keep them from engaging with God authentically. Encourage responses that move beyond style (hands up vs. hands down) to deeper heart questions: What am I afraid people will think if I do \_\_\_\_\_\_? Where does my desire for dignity override my desire for freedom in God's presence?
- 9. ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORYTELLER: 2 Samuel 11-12
- **10. CLOSE IN PRAYER**