Big Rocks – Gifted Service

Weekend Discussion Questions May 17-18, 2014

Community:

- 1. What is the most impressive building that you've ever seen? What was so cool about it?
- 2. What do you think it is within the heart of people that makes them want to build huge, impressive, beautiful buildings?

Core:

- 1. Summarize these values: Biblical Authority, Relational Intimacy, and Authentic Community.
- 2. This week's value is Gifted Service—how would you explain that it your own words?
- 3. The reason that it's called "Gifted" Service is because when someone puts their faith in Jesus, He gives them "gifts of the Holy Spirit". What's your understanding of these?
- 4. Read Romans 6:20. What does it mean to be a slave to sin?
- 5. Read as Paul expands on that in Romans 6:1-8. What sticks out to you from that passage?
- 6. Jim listed all the ways God defines us when we put our faith in Him. Read through the list and discuss which each one means. Which one sticks out the most to you?
 - a. You are a joint-heir with Christ Romans 8: 17
 - b. You are the righteousness of God in Christ. 2 Cor.5: 21
 - c. You are the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 6: 19
 - d. You are the apple of His eye. Zec.2: 8
 - e. You are free from condemnation Romans 8: 1
 - f. You are more than a conqueror Romans 8: 17
 - g. You are in the palm of the Lord's Hand Isa. 49: 16
 - h. You are loved by God as much as (in the same way that) He loves Jesus John 17:23
 - i. You are in God's Hand and none can pluck you out. John10:28
 - i. You are complete in Him. Col.2: 10
 - k. You are delivered from the power of darkness Col. 1: 13
 - I. You are accepted in Him Eph. 1: 6
 - m. You are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ. Rom.6:11
 - n. You are in Christ. 1 Cor. 1: 30

Challenge:

- 1. What were some of the things you thought of when you were praying and thinking through Jim's two questions:
 - a. Who does Jesus say that I am and what would change if I believed Him?
 - b. How could Jesus use someone like me to build something that tells the world, "This is what Jesus is like"?

