



A Pastor for Every Person!

ROCK GROUPS

(Evangelistic Care Groups)

ROCK GROUP DIRECTIVE

DO YOU ENVY?

ICE BREAKER... How would you describe envy? Was there someone (a sibling or friend) that you envied growing up? Why?

“If you harbor bitter **envy** and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not...deny the truth... (it) is **earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.**

For where you have **envy** and selfish ambition, there you find **disorder and every evil practice.**” James 3:14-16

ENVY is:

RESENTING GOD’S GOODNESS IN OTHER’S LIVES.

IGNORING GOD’S GOODNESS IN MY OWN LIFE.

ENVY IN THE BIBLE

Cain envied Abel...	Genesis 4:5
Rachel envied Leah...	Genesis 30:1
Leah envied Rachel...	Genesis 30:15
The brothers envied Joseph...	Genesis 37:5
Saul envied David...	I Samuel 18:7-9
<i>Lucifer envied God...</i>	Isaiah 14:13-14
Chief priests envied Jesus...	Mark 15:10

“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but **envy rots the bones**” Prov 14:30

“Envy is the daughter of pride, the author of murder and revenge... the perpetual tormenter of virtue. Envy is the filthy slime of the soul; a venom, a poison, which consumeth the flesh and drieth up the bones.” **Socrates**

NO COMPARISONS

“We do not dare to **classify** or **compare ourselves...**” II Corinthians 10:12

“Each one should test his own actions...without comparing himself to somebody else...” Galatians 6:4

CELEBRATE GOD’S GOODNESS TO OTHERS

“Rejoice with those who rejoice...” Romans 12:15

“Don't be afraid,” he said. “My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you.” I Samuel 23:17

EMBRACE GOD’S GOODNESS TO YOU

“Better what the eye *sees* than *the roving of the appetite*. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind” Ecclesiastes 6:9

“Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, *always be thankful*, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus”

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT

“...Our lives were full of evil and *envy*. We hated others, and they hated us. But then God our Savior showed us his *kindness and love*. He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit...”

Titus 3:3-5 NLT

GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1) Who or what do you envy?
- 2) Who do you need to celebrate with?
- 3) What “**but**” do you need to remove? (*I'm thankful for my house, but...*)

Let's **pray in groups of three or four** that we would stay free of envy and be thankful!

- ✓ Did you share the vision and mission of COTR and the Rock Groups?
- ✓ Prayer, Ministry time, and Fellowship
- ✓ Prayer for COTR Leadership
- ✓ “Empty Chair” Prayer - encourage group to **invite someone new next time**
- ✓ Did everyone complete the sign-in form?

☞ Remember to complete the **online report** and **attendance** for the meeting soon