# **Rock Solid Men**

# **Group Vision & Structure:**

- > To grow in Godly manhood together by building our character and lives on the Rock (Matthew 7:24).
- > To be bold men who sacrificially lead in love just as God does.
- > Sharpening each other as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17) through the relational concept of Paul, Timothy, & Barnabas.
  - Paul: Godly mentor that discipled Timothy. The one that pours into the less experienced and wise.
  - Timothy: Hungry mentee that sought discipleship. The one who seeks a wiser man to pour into him.
  - Barnabas: Relatable friend and encourager to Paul in ministry. The Godly close friend that you can rely on.

# **Announcements:**

- Friday Morning Bible Breakfast @ Jack's: 5:30-7:30. Come and go as you need to!
- Next Baptism Sunday: June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested, speak with Chase or one of the leaders!
- Looking for Food Leaders! The group is seeking food coordinators. Please step up if you feel led!

# Lesson of the Day: Bold Men Pray (John 16:24)

\*Supporting Scriptures on back of page\*

"Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16: 24)

### *Icebreaker Questions:*

- What is prayer?
- In whose name should you pray?
- How can we be bold in prayer?
- What is faith?

- What results from prayer?
- What does "in my name" mean to you?
- Is faith tied to our boldness?

## "Until Now You have Not Asked for Anything in My Name"

- ➤ What does Jesus teach about prayer in Matthew 7:7-8?
- Read **John 15:7**. What are some important conditions for answered prayer?
- ➤ In Luke 6:12-13, how long did Jesus spend in prayer before selecting his 12 apostles?
  - What big events should you consider spending the entire night in prayer about?

#### "Ask and You Will Receive"

- Read **Jeremiah 33:2-3.** Who calls us to prayer? What is characteristic of God's answers to prayer?
- ➤ What kind of gifts does God give His children as noted in **Matthew 7: 9-11**?
  - How do you think God would respond to a request for something He knew would be bad for you?
  - What do you think God would do if He knew the answer would be better for you at another time?

#### "Your Joy Will Be Complete"

From Philippians 4:7, what results from the peace that comes through prayer?

ACTS is a prayer model helps prioritize our thoughts and requests to align with a Christ Centered prayer

Adoration – Adore God. Reflect on God Himself. Praise Him for His love, His power and majesty and for His wonderful gift of Jesus Christ.

Confession - Admitting your sins to God. Be honest and humble. Remember He knows you and still loves you.

Thanksgiving – Telling God how grateful you are for everything He has given – even the unpleasant things. Your thankfulness will help you see His purposes.

Supplication - Making specific requests, both for others and for yourself.

#### **➤** Matthew 7: 7-8

o "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

#### > John 15:7

o "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

# **Luke 6: 12-13**

 "In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles

# > Jeremiah 33:3

o "Thus says the Lord who made the earth, the Lord who formed it to establish it—the Lord is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known."

#### ➤ Matthew 7: 9-11

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

#### > Philippians 4:7

o "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."