

Big Rocks

What Are the “Big Rocks” at Grace Fellowship?

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Rate yourself in each of the following **8 areas** by marking the appropriate letter next to each heading:

A = I consistently demonstrate solid growth in this area.

B = Progress is being made, but I need to focus on this area more to make it a solid and regular reality in my life.

C = To be honest, I am guilty of neglecting this area, therefore, I am making little or no significant progress right now in this area.

Rock #1 I want my life to be BIBLE-BASED in all that I do.

- I want my life to be based on something that doesn't change, something that's eternal.
- **Isaiah 40:8** “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”
- I want my life to stay anchored in God's eternal truth, and not my own opinions or preferences.

Rock # 2 I want my life to be GRACE-BASED.

- I don't want to ever get over grace. In fact, I believe the Bible teaches it's all grace from start to finish. I need saving grace to justify me from the penalty of my sins. And I need empowering grace to grow me and free me from the power of remaining sin in my life.
- Grace is not just pardon for my sin. Grace is the power to say 'no' to that same sin.
- By God's grace, I will expect to keep changing and growing year after year after year. I will put forth the effort to 'put off' the old ways and 'put on' the new (Eph. 4:22-24).

Rock #3 I want my life to be MISSIONS-MINDED.

- I won't just sit on this message of grace. I'm not going to draw back from the world. I'm going to run headlong into this world with this message of grace, looking for every opportunity to connect real people to the glory of a real God—in my own backyard and overseas.
- I understand the reason I'm going to be able to keep doing it year after year, is because I'm focused on the glory of God—high and lifted up—as the only effective and lasting motivation for missions, rather than solely compassion or pity for people.

Rock #4 I'm committed to SERVING like Jesus.

- I believe Christians look most like Christ when they humbly serve. GFC emphasizes teaching and equipping in order to live more like Jesus. I realize that maturity doesn't come just from acquiring

more knowledge or being a spectator, but by learning to give more of myself, just like Jesus (Matthew 20:25-28; Acts 20:35). I want to see everyone in our church family serving by using their gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11). As I serve, I expect to experience increased joy, fruitfulness and meaning (Romans 12:6-8).

Rock #5 I want my life to be characterized by Desperate PRAYING! And Not Just “Flare Prayers” thrown up in an immediate crisis.

- I recognize without prayer, my life will just grind along in the arm of the flesh, regardless of how good it looks on the outside.
- I want to see lasting fruit—real changes, breakthroughs, and an outpouring of God’s presence and power in my life. That only comes by prayer.
- I am praying as a desperate person who recognizes that apart from God I can do nothing.

Rock #6 In my life I’m committed to staying CONNECTED and GROWING through Community Groups – I recognize I need other believers in my life at close range.

- I don’t want to just be a part of the Sunday morning crowd. I am courageously stepping into smaller groups and allowing other believers to speak into my life.
- I’m convinced that people change and grow best at close range with other believers who can speak into their life and by using their own gifts to speak into someone else’s life.
- I recognize that Community groups are not just some fad that we’ll get over. Community groups are a ministry structure that I think best enables us to do what God has called us to do—train godly disciples who can handle life effectively by handling God’s Word accurately.

Rock #7 In My life I’m committed to GOD-FOCUSED rather than spectator and entertainment driven WORSHIP.

- I am going to do everything I can to come ready to enter into worship that leads to thinking right thoughts about God—so that it changes my life and brings my attitudes more in line with what God is revealing about Himself to me.
- I’ll come to corporate worship ready to give instead of looking for what I can get, or how it makes me ‘feel’.
- I’ll come expecting the worship at Grace Fellowship to change me by giving me a better picture of what God is really like.
- I long for God’s presence and power to be displayed in my life and our church family worship times as He reminds us who He is, and who we are in light of who He is.
- I’m not going to sit back and watch the praise team worship God. I realize that I am the lead participant and their job is to lead us into worship— rather than watch them worship.

Rock #8 I'm committed to exalting, proclaiming and submitting to the SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD in every area of my life!

- I want this doctrinal rock to be the cornerstone of my life. I recognize that this rock is critical and its presence bleeds over into every other area of my life.
- I will try to understand and meditate on the sovereignty of God in every way that I can because I recognize that a proper understanding and appreciation of the sovereignty of God will absolutely change my life. It will change the way I see and respond to the world around me and the way I respond to what takes place in my life.
- I submit to the doctrine of 'God's Sovereignty' that simply means that God is in control. I rejoice and take comfort in the fact that He has absolute rule and control over all of His creation. I understand that everything happens because He either directly causes it or He consciously allows it. I rest in the fact that nothing enters history that does not come under the complete control of God.
- And I believe that God limits, orders, and controls all things for His glory and my good. So, I will trust Him even when I don't fully understand the details of what's going on.