

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

Before starting on the question, please take some time and pray for COBC.

- Pray for Jimmy, Emily and the family as they head back to South East Asia.
- Pray for Daniel and Kate Loehrer as they join the staff at COBC.

Exodus 6:2-8

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Exodus 6

- **Read Exodus 6:2-8** and as a group discuss the different things you have learned from this passage.
- Why is it important to take time to read and study the Old Testament? Read Luke 22:44-45 to help answer this question.

Luke 22

- **Read Luke 22:15-20** and answer the following questions.
- Why do you think Jesus earnestly desired to eat the Passover with the disciples the night before his death?
- As a group discuss what Luke 22:16 means.
- What did Jesus mean when he said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Isaiah 53:5
 - 1 Peter 2:24
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

Adoption

- **Read Exodus 6:6-7.** How are redemption and adoption connected? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Galatians 4:4-7
 - Romans 8:15-16
 - Ephesians 1:3-5
- **Read and discuss** the following quote by John Owens
 - *Few can carry up their hearts and minds to the height by faith, as to rest their souls in the love of the father; they live below it, in the troublesome region of hopes and fears, storms and clouds... But how to attain to this pitch they know not. This is the will of God, that he may always be eyed as {gentle}, kind, tender, loving, and unchangeable therein; and that peculiarly as the Father, as the great fountain and spring of all gracious communications and fruits of love. This is what which Christ came to reveal.*
- Do you personally have trouble seeing God as a loving father? Why or why not?
- How should seeing God as a loving father encourage you to live boldly for him? Read the following verses to help answer this question.
 - Psalm 103:11
 - Romans 8:38-39
 - Luke 12:29
- How should seeing God as a loving father change your prayer life? Read the following verses to answer this question.
 - Matthew 6:7-9
 - Matthew 7:11
- How should seeing God as a loving father change the way we treat one another within the church? Read the following verses to answer this question.
 - 1 John 4:10-11
 - Matthew 12:49-50
 - Philippians 4:1
- **Read and discuss** the following quote by Philip Graham.
 - *The Church is not merely a social club or a political organization knit together by common interests or shared hobbies. By virtue of the electing work of the*

father, the redemptive work of the son, and the regenerating work of the Spirit, we are objectively united to one another as members of the same family.

Our inheritance

- How are redemption, adoption, and inheritance all connected?
- What is the inheritance that Paul mentions in Ephesians 1:11 & 14?
- **Read and discuss** 1 Peter 1:3-4
- As a group explain what Galatians 4:7 means.
- How do we receive our inheritance? Read Titus 3:3-7 to help answer this question.
- **Read Romans 8:15-18** and answer the following questions.
 - What is significant about being joint heirs with Christ?
 - What is the proof that we will be glorified (Romans 8:17)?
 - What scriptures support the fact that Christians will suffer persecution?
 - Why should Christians be willing to suffer? (Romans 8:18)
- **Read Eph. 1:11** and explain why we can be sure we will receive our inheritance.

Closing prayer

We would take afresh the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. We would pay our vows now in the midst of all the Lord's people and in the courts of his house; and this is a part payment of our vow that he has redeemed us unto himself not with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with his own precious blood; and we do avow ourselves today to be the Lord's. – Charles Spurgeon