



GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

Leader note: This Message Guide is intended to help you facilitate discussion with your Grace Group. You can use the guide exactly as it is, ignore some of it, or add to it. We hope you view this guide as a flexible teaching tool, and not a rigid teaching task.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26TH

- Please review the Updates and Leader Information found on the Group Resources page gracefellowship.cc/groupresources. You will find some new information there that you'll want to be aware of.

ICEBREAKER

- Other than Jesus, who is a person (living or dead) that you would like to be like?

PLEASE HAVE YOUR GROUP MEMBERS TAKE THE SURVEY FOUND HERE:

- <https://forms.gle/EgXgqMFQJvFxZ5pD9>

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR KEITH MINIER

HURT HAPPENS - WEEK 3 (Scripture: Psalm 25)

1. Read Psalm 25. David states right off the bat that he trusts in God. How do we learn to trust in God? And, is our trust in God something that grows over time? If so, how so?
2. Read Psalm 25:4-5 again. This sounds like David is saying to God, not my will, but yours be done. Describe how you go about surrendering your will to God's.
3. Are you a glass half full or a glass half empty kind of person and why do you think so?
4. How much hope do you have in your life and what gives you hope?
5. How much does heaven enter your thought process on a weekly basis?
6. When you look back on your life, can you identify times or situations where God has intervened in a good way? If so, will you share?
7. When things aren't going your way, or you have significant hurts, do you make things worse by giving in to unhealthy behaviors? Please describe.
8. How do we know that God cares for us and will answer our prayers?
9. What are the clues or examples that there's a better day coming?
10. How does knowing that there's a better day coming change our lives on a daily basis?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to consider the question: When hurt is real, do people see hope in you?

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Here's a different method for prayer in your group: have each member write down requests for the week on a piece of paper, fold the paper, and put it in a hat. Pass the hat, each member agreeing to pray for the person he or she picks and to call to encourage that person during the week.