



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 NOVEMBER 21ST

Please review the Updates and Leader Information found on the Group Resources page found at gracefellowship.cc/groupresources.

ICEBREAKER

What do you think is the perfect age and why?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JEREMY PIEHLER

LIFE - WEEK 3 (Scripture: John 10 - primarily 7-13)

1. What do the sheep, shepherd, the sheep pen and stranger represent in this week's scriptures?
2. What do you think Jesus means when he describes himself as the "door of the sheep"?
3. Describe the many ways Jesus is opposite of the stranger/thief.
4. How has the stranger/thief shown up in your life to derail you?
5. In vs. 10 Jesus says he has come so that we may have life to the full. What does that mean for the Christian?
6. It was said in the weekend message that our soul has an appetite. What do you think your soul is searching for?
7. Describe what an abundant life is according to the world. How does that differ from the abundant life found in Christ?
8. How have you heard the Shepherd's voice in your life? Describe some times when that was most real to you.
9. Jesus desires to care for you as the Good Shepherd. How have you allowed him to do so?
10. As you have grown in your knowledge and trust in Christ, how has this changed your view of the "abundant life"? (check these out: Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:33, John 1:1-5, Jeremiah 20:13, John 11:25)

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to review and reflect on your life. How are you doing related to living an abundant life in Christ? And, secondly to draw near to God and all he has for you.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

5 Things to Pray for Your Group

Chances are that you've gone to some small group meetings over the last couple of months. Perhaps you're a new group just getting to know each other; perhaps you've been meeting together for years. Either way, you no doubt want God to be at work in your group—so it's a good idea to ask Him. Here are 5 things for your fellowship together, based on Colossians 3 v 15-17:

Heavenly Father, please help us to...

- 1. Be at peace;** “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” (v 15)
- 2. Teach one another;** “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach ... one another.” (v 16)
- 3. Admonish one another;** Small groups should be an environment where Christians can “admonish one another with all wisdom” (v 16).
- 4. Love each other;** ... both in “word” and “deed”, “in the name of the Lord Jesus” (v 17).
- 5. Be truly thankful;** see verses 15, 16 and 17! “Be thankful ... with gratitude in your hearts ... giving thanks to God the Father.”
(Rachel Jones | thegoodbook.com | 9/24/15)