



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 28th

Please review the Updates and Leader Information found at gracefellowship.cc/groupresources.

ICEBREAKER

How many jobs have you had? Which one was the best and why? (The avg. is 12)

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JASON GRUBER

LIFE - WEEK 4 (Scripture: James 4:13-16)

1. Read the scriptures. Are you a long range planner? On a scale of 1 - 10 how much of a planner are you?
2. Do you plan more for your career or your family goals and why?
3. How much of a control freak are you? (*check these out: Proverbs 16:9, Matthew 6:34, 1 Corinthians 9:27*)
4. Has there ever been a time when your plans didn't work out, and in hindsight you are glad they didn't work out?
5. How do you know if you're holding your plans tightly?
6. How do you know if your holding onto God loosely..
7. What specific plan for your life are you holding onto?
8. Consider the phrase from the weekend message: "don't dream bigger, dream eternally." How do you see this applying to you? How can you take a next step in dreaming eternally?
9. How would you explain the view of living life on purpose for His purpose to a non-believer or newer believer? (*check these out: Psalm 139:16, Proverbs 19:21, Genesis 45:7, Romans 8:28, Colossians 3:23-24*)
10. What is one big thing you are going to take away from this whole series? Maybe you can review the handout card you received after the service?
11. If this message series has changed your perspective, what are your action steps?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to pray through holding loosely through the things of this world and holding tight to the things of God.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Group leaders, how about praying for each person in your group by name each day we're not having group? (December 19th through January 19th) Pray through their needs, life situations, hurts, praises and blessings.

NEXT WEEK BEGINS THE CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES

The first week will be about the historical account. So, maybe have your group read Luke 2 or Matthew 1:18-2:12 in preparation.