



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 JANUARY 16th

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

ICEBREAKER

What is one of your favorite household chores? Least favorite?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JAKE MCCULLOUGH

THAT'S NOT CHRISTIANITY - WEEK 2 (Scripture: Matthew 7:1-6)

1. Read Matthew 7:1-6. Jesus seems to prohibit one kind of judging and approves another kind. What are they?
2. What is an example for your life where you found it easier to judge others rather than look in the mirror?
3. Is it ever ok to judge?
4. How do you protect yourself from becoming judgmental or condemning?
5. Do you think being judgmental is a religious problem? Or, have you seen it outside of religion?
6. What are we supposed to judge ourselves against? (*meaning, what is the goal or what should we compare ourselves to?*)
7. Do you know someone who makes what they're against more known than what they're for? How does that person make you feel?
8. Read James 4:11-12, Romans 14:1-13 and Proverbs 31:9 and discuss.
9. How do you think social media has made this discussion about judging?
10. Share a time when you stood up for your convictions and tell how that turned out.
11. How do we avoid being judgmental while holding each other accountable to follow Jesus?
12. John 3:17 says; "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." How can we equate this into our lives and efforts?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to consider who you have dismissed. What people group or sin category have you written off?

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

"It's sometimes strange for people in a modern, Western society to realize that apprenticeship has been the primary method of job training throughout human history. That's because apprenticeship works. Having the opportunity to "learn as you go" gives apprentices a decided advantage when it comes time for them to step out on their own. And that's what many churches and group leaders are re-discovering today when it comes to small groups." (smallgroups.com) As we begin a new group semester, is there anyone in your group you need to have a conversation with?