



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 23rd

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

ICEBREAKER

What is something that you have purchased that you wish you hadn't and why?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JEREMY PIEHLER

THAT'S NOT CHRISTIANITY - WEEK 3 (Scripture: Mark 10:33-45)

1. Read Mark 10:33-45. Why do you think James and John asked Jesus for this honor?
2. What view of the Kingdom are James and John still clinging to?
3. How is the question that James and John ask similar to our culture's desires today? (*our culture is constantly striving for importance, fame and to get to the top*)
4. How does Jesus turn their request into a teaching or admonishing moment?
5. In the weekend message a Jesus-centered life was talked about. What is a Jesus-centered life in your words?
6. As your knowledge and understanding grows over time, how have you adjusted your life to align with a Jesus-centered life?
7. Read 1 Kings 8:61, 2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 2:42, Deuteronomy 6:5 and discuss.
8. How does your relationship to church play into living a Jesus-centered life?
9. Some people go to church for what they get, while others for what they give. Explain the difference and how that plays out in your life.
10. Read John 3:30 and Galatians 2:20-21. What does God gain when we die to self? What do we gain?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to pick one of these to commit to: pray to be more like Jesus, take my next step at church or die to myself.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Technology is so helpful to send someone a quick message in a text or share information in an email, but there is something so important about human interaction through in-person conversations. We are all busy and it takes time to schedule coffee or lunch with someone, but it's worth it to build that relationship. Jesus valued relationships with his friends and followers and he is our role model for how to love people. (John 15:12-15) Challenge your group to invite someone to coffee this week with no agenda, just plan to catch up or get to know someone better. See how God uses this time with a friend to encourage both of you. "Every friend was once a stranger and if you know this, you have to understand that conversations are the beginning of connection." - Israelmore Ayivor