



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 30th

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

ICEBREAKER

If you had enough money that you never needed to work again, what would you do with your time?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR KEITH CHAPMAN

THAT'S NOT CHRISTIANITY - WEEK 4

(Scriptures: John 17:16-19, Romans 10:15, Ephesians 2:3-10)

1. Read John 17:16-19. How do we know what the truth of Christianity is, and how do we learn it?
2. What are we supposed to do with that truth?
3. What are some of the lies that our society would teach us about truth if we let them?
4. Have you ever had a conversation with someone and they tell you that their faith is between them and God? If so, what are your thoughts?
5. Read Romans 10:15. What are the expectations to the believer? And, what would happen if believers didn't make their faith known to those around them?
6. Describe a time when you shared the gospel with someone.
7. While Christianity may seem foolish to the unbelieving world (1 Corinthians 1:18-20, 26-27), God instructs us to use reason, wisdom and logic to learn His ways (Proverbs 3:13 and Acts 17:11). Describe ways you see the unbelieving world look down on Christians.
8. The writer of Hebrews admonishes the Jewish recipients of the letter to continue growing in their knowledge and faith (Hebrews 5:11-14) making it clear that we should all continue to learn throughout our lives. Describe what you are learning now in this phase of your journey.
9. How has your behavior changed as you have grown in your understanding and faith?
10. Read Ephesians 2:3-10. We are saved from and eternity separated from God by our faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. Describe why you serve at church, or feed the homeless or volunteer at a non-profit ministry.
11. Do you sometimes feel that the more good you do, the more you serve the more God will be pleased with you or accept you? Explain.

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to pause and contemplate the goodness of God, who has revealed so much of himself and his plan to us.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Excerpt from the Group Leader Manual:

Good shepherds lead from the heart. They know each sheep in their care and will work hard to get them to their destination. The Group Leader's role is to help the people in their group take their next spiritual steps. A shepherd leader will work hard to make sure no one is left behind on their spiritual journey.