



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 FEBRUARY 13th

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

ICEBREAKER

How much do you know about your ancestors and your family history?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY MINISTRY RESIDENT JOE WALLICK

RECALIBRATE - WEEK 1 (Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15)

1. Read Joshua 24:1-15. Joshua reminded Israel of God's faithfulness. In what ways has God shown his faithfulness to you?
2. Joshua used a stone to remind the people of their commitment. What reminds you of your decision to serve God? *(try to speak to your group about their daily spiritual disciplines. They shouldn't need a visual reminder if they're living out their faith on a daily basis)*
3. Read the last sentence in Joshua 24:15 from everyone's Bible. *(there will likely be different versions)* Is everyone in your house serving the Lord?
4. What have been your actions in the past to reach the people in the last question? And, how effective has that been?
5. Our intentions are many times greater than our actions related to providing the spiritual leadership to those most important to us. What is something that you could do better at in the future?
6. What's the intensity in which you share about faith in your home? Is it dog with a bone, or pretty laid back approach?
7. What are some of the best things you learned in your childhood home?
8. Describe what you did or didn't learn about faith in your childhood home?
9. Look at the action steps below. What are some examples of what new practices you might think about taking in your home?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to twofold; a) add one new practice for four weeks to accomplish greater spiritual leadership in your home and b) take one current practice and make it better.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

How will your group show that you serve the Lord at home? To serve God is to serve others and is the greatest form of charity: the pure love of Christ. Jesus said: serve God through your family, give tithes and offerings, volunteer in your community, home visiting,

donate clothing and other goods, be a friend, serve god by serving children, mourn with those that mourn, share your talents, simple acts of kindness, missionary work, fulfill your calling, use your creativity, it comes from God and serve God by humbling yourself, among other things. These are great suggestions to do as a group? Do you have a point person in charge of leading this effort?

(passionineducation.com, article Ways to Serve God Through Serving Others in the New Year! January, 5, 2016)