



# 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 MARCH 27th

- Easter is about four weeks away, so it's not too early to start thinking about who you and your group members will **invite**. You might even start to make a list! Please make this a topic of discussion during your group time from now until Easter. Maybe in your prayer time? **Pray** for those persons your group members say they're going to invite. Invite cards will be passed out after services in the coming weeks.
- Please review the Updates and Leader Information found at [gracefellowship.cc/groupresources](http://gracefellowship.cc/groupresources). And, there are resources related to this current message series found at [gracefellowship.cc/engage](http://gracefellowship.cc/engage).

## ICEBREAKER

Which of the five senses would be the worst to lose, and why?

## WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR DAN CASE

### LIFECCHANGE - WEEK 1 (Scripture: Acts 9:1-31)

1. Is there anything in your life that you have wished you could change, but you just haven't been able to?
2. How did God first get your attention?
3. Do you know someone who had a dramatic conversion experience? If so, what was that like to watch over time? (*this might be a great time to have someone in your group tell their conversion experience/testimony! Of course, ask them ahead of time, don't just spring that on them.*)
4. Read Acts 9:1-31. Why do you think Saul was picked to have such a dramatic conversion?
5. After hearing this weekend's message, do you think some people are just so out of God's reach they will never listen enough to change and why?
6. What does it do to our faith when we see people change and make movements toward Jesus-centered living?
7. If someone you know who has always lived very far from God, came and said they had become "saved" or "born again," how would you respond? Would you want to know more about it? Would you ask for proof? Or, would you take a wait and see attitude?
8. What should the evidence be that a person has turned to follow Christ?
9. Read these scriptures out loud: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Romans 12:1-2.
10. Are there people in your life that you are praying come to Jesus and make this change? (*if so, how about inviting them to Easter service with you?*)

**ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was around the reach one initiative. Who is the one person you are all in on reaching in the next year?

**SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

Excerpt from the Grace Group Leader Manual (found on the group leader resource page):

*Good shepherds lead by chasing.* There are times when your group members will begin to fall away from the group. Sometimes this is the first indication that they are falling away from the church, and maybe even away from the faith. Good shepherds recognize that right away and have the conversations that need to happen to prevent it. Remember the parable of the lost sheep. The group leader must treat each group member as the one lost sheep.