



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 6th

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

ICEBREAKER

Where is the farthest you've ever been away from home?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY TYLER PIATT

WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE - WEEK 1 (Scripture: Proverbs 14:12, Ephesians 5:15-18)

1. Was this weekend's message difficult, frustrating or of little importance to you?
2. What is your first memory of alcohol being consumed around you?
3. If you have a person in your life or relative who has had negative consequences from an addiction issue, what affect has that had on you?
4. Read Proverbs 14:12, Ephesians 5:15-18. What does Paul mean when he says, don't walk as unwise or don't be foolish?
5. Paul says don't be drunk, but be filled with the Spirit. How are those related or opposite? What is the harm of being drunk? What is the benefit of being filled with the Spirit?
6. What are you allowing to influence your mind, actions or pursuits?
7. What comes to mind when you make decisions about alcohol use related to your Christian witness?
8. Other than alcohol, what other things do you pay attention to related to your Christian witness? (*for example; places you go, what you wear, social media posts, your language, etc.*)
9. It was said in the weekend message that everything and more you are looking for in a substance is found in the Savior. Can you talk about how that's been true in your life?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to ask a more mature Christian if your use of alcohol freedom is appropriate?

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

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. (*excerpt from the Group Leader Manual*)