



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 APRIL 17th

- Please review the group leader announcements on the group resources page. There are a few things listed there that you'll want to know.

ICEBREAKER

Which app on your phone do you use the most?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY DANIEL RENNER

BEHOLD HIM (Scripture: Luke 24:13-35)

1. Why is seeing correctly such a big deal?
2. As you reflect on the Easter season, what things did you not see clearly?
3. When you think of Jesus today, who and what do you see?
4. (Read Luke 24:13-15) Has there been a time in your life where you didn't see Jesus even though he was "walking alongside" you?
5. What are some difference between just *Seeing* Jesus and actually *Beholding* Him?
6. Go through these three things that many people see when they hear the Easter story. Why do these arguments not hold water?
 1. Popular Myth: Jesus' story was just a fairy tail
 2. Prominent Man: Jesus was just a good teacher, but not a savior
 3. Principled Morality: Jesus established a religion of "do more, try harder"
7. We claim that Jesus is a "willing" & "able" Messiah. What things prove He was willing, and what things prove Him able?
8. In what practical ways can you *Behold* Jesus this Easter season.

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to ask the question, have you just "seen" Jesus or actually "beheld" Him.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

As we head toward the last few weeks of the group year, it's a good time to reflect on the progress each of your group members have made. Have they grown in their faith? Have they taken their next steps? Did anyone get baptized? Become a Partner? Begun to tithe? Has anyone stepped up to lead the group night discussion in your place? Does anyone show leadership gifts that might become a group leader in the future? Think about all of these questions in relation to each person in your group. Then, take some action steps. Talk to them about it. Celebrate them and challenge them.