



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 3rd

- 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 are available now.
- Please review the Updates and Leader Information found at gracefellowship.cc/groupresources. And, there are resources related to this current message series found at gracefellowship.cc/engage.

ICEBREAKER

When I was little one of my favorite super heroes was...

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR JASON GRUBER

LIFECCHANGE - WEEK 2 - "HE NEVER FOLDS"

(Scripture: John 21:15-17, Matthew 26:69-75, Luke 22:49-51, Acts 2:14-47)

1. Take a vote with raised hands. How many people in the group have lead perfect lives without sin or mistakes? . . . OK, now take a vote of everyone who has ever screwed up in their life?
2. We all give God reasons to fold on us, so what should your response be when you mess up?
3. Knowing that God doesn't fold on you, what impact does that have on how you view, relate our understand him?
4. Read the scriptures noted above. Peter had quite the up and down relationship to Jesus. Close then far, then so on. Why do you think that is?
5. What does it do to the confidence you have in yourself to see that Jesus built the future of his church on Peter?
6. Have you ever heard a person say something like; "I've screwed up so much in my life for God to ever care about me!" Or, "I'm so far gone, there's no turning back now." What do you want to say to these people?
7. Can you describe some times of God's faithfulness in your life?
8. Have you ever been close to God, then moved away from him for some reason? Looking back on that season, what would you say today about it?
9. What's the right action when we mess up and give God reason to move away from us?
10. What can we tell others about God's faithfulness?

(these scriptures may help: Exodus 34:6, Deuteronomy 7:9-11, Psalm 33:4, Lamentations 3:22-23, 1 Corinthians 10:12-13, 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3, 1 Peter 4:16-19)

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to write down one area or thing, that if you were God, you would have folded on you. Then think about that and worship up.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Read Exodus 18:1-27. What does this speak to you about group leadership? Have you shared the load with anyone? Can you? Is there anyone in your group that you could delegate some things to? If so, have you? It's ok to not do all there is to do in order to lead your group. Delegate.