



# 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 MAY 1st**

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**

Do you have any quirks or superstitions that you are aware of? For example, do you always put your left sock and shoe on first? Or, do you have to align certain things up the same way each time or it drives you crazy?

## **WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR KEITH CHAPMAN**

### **FOR - HEAVEN (Scripture: John 14:1-6, Revelation 21:3-5)**

1. What were your earliest thoughts of heaven?
2. It was said in the weekend message that we live in a short-term thinking society, filled with instant gratification, 140 character news feeds, etc. Do you feel that you have bought into that way of thinking?
3. Read John 14:1-6. Why do you think Jesus says in vs. 1, "let your hearts not be troubled"?
4. What comfort is it to you to know that Jesus will bring us (Christians) to himself with the Father?
5. Describe how often you think of being in heaven, and should we think about it more?
6. Do you long for heaven? And, if so, why?
7. Read Rev. 21:3-5. What emotions do you have about being directly with God for all of eternity?
8. In the weekend message it was said that Jesus is for us being with him forever, together, perfectly. Verse 4 speaks to that. Does this change the way you think about pain and sorrow on this side of heaven?
9. How would you talk about heaven to others?
10. How can our understanding of and longing for heaven be more a part of our lives?

## **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to ask yourself the question; "What would change if I really believed that Jesus is forever, together, perfectly?"

## **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

Are you planning to connect with each person in your group before the group season ends? It would be a very helpful idea to plan this. You will want to know how did they grow in their faith, what steps of progress did they take, what are they planning for the fall, etc.?