



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 8th

Please review the group leader announcements on the group resources page. There are a few end of the group season things listed there that you'll want to pay attention to.

ICEBREAKER

What is your favorite line from a film?

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY RESIDENT JOE WALLICK

FOR - WOMEN (Scripture: Luke 8:1-3)

1. Who has been the most influential female in your life? And, why?
2. What do you think today's middle-class American culture thinks about women?
3. How is that different from other parts of the world today? Or, in Jesus day?
4. Men; how have you made efforts to treat women as equals?
5. Women; how have you been made to feel less than an equal?
6. Read 1 Peter 3:7, Galatians 3:28, Luke 10:38-39. How did Jesus treat women himself and want others to treat them? (*with honor, dignity, respect, as equal heirs to the Kingdom, and with compassion*)
7. There are significant times in God's overall story of redemption that women show up as key participants. What are some?
 1. He chose a woman (Mary) to begin his process of redeeming mankind.
 2. He performed his first miracle at the behest of his mom (Mary)
 3. Women traveled with him and supported his ministry, Luke 8:1-3. (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Suzanna)
 4. The sinful woman at the well. John 4:4-26.
 5. The woman caught in adultery. Jesus teaches a valuable lesson about equality in God's eyes and about forgiveness. John 8:7
 6. Women were the first to see the empty tomb. Matthew 27:61.
8. It was said in the weekend message that you can't be for God and be against women. What does that mean to you? Should you change any of your thinking or behaviors?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was two fold. For men; thank and celebrate three women who have impacted your spiritual journey. For women; celebrate one woman who inspired you and loved you.

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Make a plan to pray for your group as a whole, as well as each group member over the summer.