



# 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 SEPTEMBER 18th**

Please review the group leader announcements on the group resources page ([www.gracefellowship.cc/groupresources](http://www.gracefellowship.cc/groupresources)). There are new resources listed, and a new calendar.

## **ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

What is the funniest meme you've ever seen about people on a ladder? Or, have you had an experience on a ladder to share?

## **WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR KEVIN KELLOGG**

## **NOT COMING DOWN - OF ETERNAL IMPORTANCE (Scripture: Nehemiah 6:3, John 3:1-21, Matthew 28:19-20)**

1. Other than church, what institutions do you belong to? Clubs, civic groups, alumni groups, etc?
2. How do you participate in those? Or, what is your role?
3. How do you know if those institutions/groups are doing a good job?
4. Read Nehemiah 6:3. Why will Nehemiah not come down?
5. Just like Nehemiah got orders from his King, what are our orders and who do they come from? (*Matthew 28:19-20*)
6. Why are these orders so important? (*there are eternal consequences*)
7. Describe the opposition when an organization makes movements forward. (*people don't like change, some are too comfortable where they are, some don't agree with the direction, people know it will take time, resources and energy, etc.*)
8. Read John 3:1-21. Why do you think Jesus was so direct with Nicodemus?
9. Describe a direct conversation you've had with someone about their eternal destiny. (*here's a great article to share with your group members: <https://billygraham.org/story/sharing-your-faith-101/>*)
10. It was said in the weekend message that all people will spend eternity somewhere, the question is where. Do you know where those in your circles of influence will spend eternity?
11. Knowing that, what will you do about it?

## **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to consider how much you care about the future of Grace Fellowship church. Do you care enough to serve, give, participate, sacrifice and take some ownership of your church?

## **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

One of the ways you can shepherd your group members is to make sure you know if they are attending church regularly. We are seeing a drop in regular attendance, and it isn't healthy for those who call themselves Christians, and especially for group members. People aren't leaving the church, but people are attending less regular. Worship attendance once or twice a month just isn't healthy for the person or the community of believers. So, make sure you know and are moving your people toward increased attendance.