



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 JANUARY 22ND

Please review the group leader announcements on the group resources page (www.gracefellowship.cc/groupresources).

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

What is one thing that you want to accomplish before you die?

WORDS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE - SORRY (Scripture: Luke 18:9-14)

1. In school, were you in the “in” crowd or the “out” crowd?
2. How hard is it for you to admit fault?
3. Read Luke 18:9-14. How would people in Jesus’ day view these two characters?
4. Why did the tax collector go home “justified” before God rather than the Pharisee?
5. What do you think the point is making in this parable?
6. When in your life have you been the Pharisee in this story, or the tax collector?
7. If you’re honest, are you a person who regularly or even sometimes has times of BCD (blame, complain and defend - R factor language)?
8. You may have heard of the prayer acronym A.C.T.S. - adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. How much of your prayer life is dedicated to confession?
9. Explain your thoughts on the phrase “compare yourself up to God, not down to people.”
10. When you consider the forgiveness you already have through salvation, how does that affect your ability to say “I’m sorry?”

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to really think about communion and what it means.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to being sorry for our sinfulness)

1 John 1:9	Psalm 38:18	Romans 3:23
James 5:16	Proverbs 28:13	Isaiah 66:2
Acts 8:22	Matthew 3:2	Luke 17:3

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

An excerpt from the Group Leader Manual:

Good shepherds lead by chasing. There are times when your group members will begin to fall away from the group. Sometimes this is the first indication that they are falling away from the church, and maybe even away from the faith. Good shepherds recognize that right away and have the conversations that need to happen to prevent it. Remember the parable of the lost sheep. The group leader must treat each group member as the one lost sheep.