



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 FEBRUARY 12TH

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

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

What is one of the kindest acts you have ever seen done (either to/by you, or another)?

RIGHT ON THE MONEY - FIRST AND BEST

1. Who has taught you the most about handling money?
2. What is the worst money mistake you ever made?
3. In our middle-class American cultural setting, how can we have our best life?
4. Read a few of these: Genesis 1:1, Exodus 3:14, John 1:1-4, Colossians 1:18, John 3:31, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 119:68, Matthew 5:48 and Romans 12:2. What is the common theme? And knowing that, how does that change how we think about God?
5. It was said in the weekend message that "You have to experience obedience before you know what's going to happen." How have you been obedient in the midst of uncertainty?
6. Read Genesis 4:1-7, Exodus. Why do you think God accepts Abel's offering and Cain's does not have God's favor?
7. Read Exodus 13:1, 13:11-12 and 23:19. What is the correlation between God and our giving him our first fruits? (*The firstfruits offering found its fulfillment in Jesus. "But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Jesus' resurrection has paved the way for our resurrection. Significantly, if Jesus was killed at Passover, then His resurrection on the third day would have fallen on Nissan 16—the Feast of Firstfruits. gotquestions.org*)
8. Do you think you have a mature faith and what are the indicators?
9. What feelings, thoughts or actions does this message push you toward?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to ponder the question; "Do I give God my first and best?"

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to giving God your first and best)

Proverbs 3:9

Exodus 34:26

Ezekiel 44:30

Deuteronomy 26:2

Leviticus 2:12

Nehemiah 10:35

Numbers 18:12

2 Timothy 2:15

Colossians 3:23

SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER

Check out this article on small group prayer:

<https://www.reviveourhearts.com/articles/how-breathe-life-small-group-prayer/>