



# 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 APRIL 16TH**

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

## **ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

What outside project are you beginning to work on now that the weather is nice?

## **FUTURE ME - RIGHT FOUNDATION (Scripture: Philippians 3:7-16)**

1. How much do you think about what your life will be like in 10, 20 or 30 years?
2. When you picked your career path, was faith part of the discussion?
3. What do you consider your life's purpose?
4. Read Philippians 3:7-16. In verse 7 & 8, what is lost? (*what is lost is anything you strive for and attain that is outside of or contrary to the things of Christ. For example, the corner office, wealth, trophies, etc. So Paul has willingly given up the pursuit of them for the pursuit of Christ.*)
5. In verse 9 Paul mentions righteousness that we don't have. What is righteousness? (*Dictionaries define righteousness as "behavior that is morally justifiable or right." Such behavior is characterized by accepted standards of morality, justice, virtue, or uprightness. The Bible's standard of human righteousness is God's own perfection in every attribute, every attitude, every behavior, and every word. Thus, God's laws, as given in the Bible, both describe His own character and constitute the plumb line by which He measures human righteousness. gotquestions.org*)
6. Do you believe that the foundation of your life is faith? If so, what are the indicators?
7. In this current season of your life, what are you running the hardest after?
8. What specifically about your faith in God gives you the most hope?
9. Describe the times or situations when you feel God pursuing you the most.
10. What would your life be like without faith? What would be different?

## **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to write your own obituary.

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to having a foundation built on Christ)**

Matthew 7:24	Isaiah 28:16	2 Timothy 2:19
1 Corinthians 3:10	1 Peter 2:6	Ephesians 1:4
Jeremiah 29:11	Luke 6:48	Romans 8:28

## **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

Interesting article from a non-profit that blends hiking, camping, biking in wilderness with making disciples.

### **Make Disciples and Train Leaders**

It would be easy to mistake us for an outdoor company but the core of what we do is making disciples and training leaders. We do that in many ways and through many different forms. Sometimes it is backpacking, sometimes it is car camping, canyoneering or even making movies. Everything we do is to Make Disciples and Train Leaders. We are more than just outdoor adventures and backpacking trips.

We believe there are four main elements to growing in Discipleship and Leadership. We call this the "4 Paths". We make sure anything we do to make disciples and train leaders use these 4 Paths. All of our programs are designed around these 4 elements.



### **Connect**

We seek to connect people to God, God's creation, other people, and one's own journey. It is easy in today's worlds to have lots of online friends but to still be lonely and lack true community. We seek to give everyone an opportunity to connect with real people, face to face as well as to connect with God, God's purpose for your life and with God's creation, nature.

### **Experience**

We believe every activity or teaching should be filled with a chance to experience God and the power of God's creation. We seek to give everyone a chance to connect with the creator of the universe. By experiencing God's love, authentic community, and God's creation, we can better understand how to live joyful and fulfilling lives. The path is long but the journey is short when we travel with others.

### **Challenge**

We challenge spiritual and physical norms in order to get our faith, mind, and bodies out of stagnation. Learning to personally challenge ourselves by setting goals, learning new skills and pushing ourselves to grow, teaches us how to continually grow, discover and develop as leaders, disciples and humans.

### **Grow**

Everything we do gives people a chance to grow in their faith and abilities. Personal growth is an important part of discipleship, leadership and maturity. We must grow in many aspects of our lives and relationships in order to not become stagnant and stale.

*(by Paul @ [wildernesstrek.org](http://wildernesstrek.org), 9/19/22)*