



# 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 23RD**

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's the hardest thing you've ever accomplished?

## **FUTURE ME - RIGHT LIVING (Scripture: 2 Peter 1:3-10)**

1. Has anyone in your life (outside of pastors/church) taught you good morals?
2. What are some of the indicators when someone has poor character?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-10. In this verse, what is "everything we need for life"?
4. Which of the attributes in vv. 6 & 7 are the hardest for you to master and why?
5. In v. 8, what does the phrase *ineffective or unfruitful* (some versions say unproductive) *in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ* mean to our lives? In other words, what are we supposed to be effective and fruitful with?
6. Why do you think character is so hard to build, and so easy to lose?
7. How self-aware do you think you are related to your character, integrity and Christ-likeness?
8. Peter tells us to be *all diligent* in our pursuit of character. What would it look like for you to increase your efforts related to your character, integrity and Christ-likeness?
9. It was said in the weekend message that we should commit to self-denial, not self-help. What is it that you must deny yourself?
10. What do you think is the hardest part of this lesson for you?

## **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to consider the three questions from the message:

- Do you see consistency with who you are and who you want to be?
- Do the routines in your life align with who you want to be?
- Do the people closest to you agree that you are who you want to be?

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to having Christlike character)**

Ephesians 4:11-13  
Galatians 5:22-23  
Mark 10:43-45

2 Corinthians 3:18  
Matthew 10:25  
John 15:17

Romans 8:5-9  
Luke 6:40  
1 Corinthians 15:33

## **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

Check out this good article on small group prayer:

“5 Ideas for Inspiring your Small Group Prayer Time” by Shelley Leith (<https://churchsource.com/blogs/ministry-resources/5-ideas-for-inspiring-your-small-group-prayer-time>)