



# 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 30TH**

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 do others tell you that you are really good at?

## **FUTURE ME - EXTRA WEIGHT (Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:11-13)**

1. Are you a "go with the flow" type of person or are you a "plan it out" type of person?
2. If you could speak to the high school you, what would you say?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13. Paul uses the passages prior to this as what he calls "warnings." Describe what happened to the Israelites because of how they gave in to the temptations.
4. Some of our temptations and indulgences may not be as severe as those listed in 1 Corinthians 10:7-10, but there are still temptations in our current culture. What are some of those that should be avoided by the Christian who pursues holiness?
5. What does vs 12 speak to, and how can we avoid it? (*pride, hubris?*)
6. What reassurance does vs 13 give you?
7. How well do you think you say no to things today, in order to get the "win" later?
8. Can you describe decisions or temptations you didn't resist in your past, that are now keeping you from living the life you want?
9. Read Psalm 139:13-14. How comfortable are you with who God created you to be? Or, are there parts of your makeup, abilities or personality that you strive to change?
10. What is the one thing in this message that has stood out to you the most and why?

## **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to honestly assess what's in your backpack of life, and deal with the extra things that will adversely affect the future you.

## **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to making better decisions/choices)**

2 John 1:8

2 Peter 3:17

2 Timothy 3:14

James 1:12

Psalm 25:4

Proverbs 3:6

Galatians 6:7-8

Proverbs 16:2-3

Exodus 18:20

## **SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

### **Excerpt from Discipleship Handbook: The Six Elements of a Discipleship Lifestyle**

*by Bobby Harrington and Josh Patrick*

Too many people think that it's the minister or a pastor or the elders who make disciples. They're concerned that they don't know what to do or that they will make mistakes. This is where biblical teaching on the ministry of all believers and the coaching role of leaders is so important (Ephesians 4:11-13; Romans 8:3-8). Every disciple has the capability and responsibility to make disciples. We are all ambassadors, lights in the world, and ministers of reconciliation. Understood this way, it's the role of every disciple of Jesus to be ministers and to make disciples, and the role of every minister, pastor, and elder to train, equip, and coach every disciple to become disciple-makers.

The acid test of a disciple-maker is not that he or she is making disciples, but are making disciples who have gone on to be disciple-makers. We learned the following formula from our friends David and Jon Ferguson. They describe the ideal mindset of a disciple-maker and what it means to be committed to repeating the discipleship process. We disciple people with a focus that we are training them to move on and disciple people themselves.

- I do. You watch. We talk.
- I do. You help. We talk.
- You do. I help. We talk.
- You do. I watch. We talk.
- You do. Someone else watches. I do. Someone else watches.

A mature disciple-maker can point to several people that he has disciplined and that are now discipling others. At the beginning, we were their disciples, but now they are our co-laborers. We may release people from being actively disciplined by us, yes, but we never release them from relationship.