



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 MAY 14TH

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

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

How will you spend the time you get back once groups have ended?

FUTURE ME - DO IT ANYWAY (Scripture: Romans 5:1-5)

1. What is the hardest test you ever took? How did it turn out?
2. What is one thing in your life that was hard, but you overcame it?
3. Read Romans 5:1-5. How should a Christian look upon suffering and hardship?
4. From this passage, what are the blessings that come to the Christian?
5. Out of the areas of suffering, perseverance, character and hope, where is God working in your life right now? And, why do you think so?
6. Read James 1:2-4. Why is perseverance important?
7. It was said in the weekend message that *pain has a purpose*. As you look back on your life, can you identify something that wouldn't have occurred if not for some pain?
8. Quitting is the opposite of what is expressed in the Romans and James passages. What is something you quit in the past?
9. Are you a person who avoids hard conversations? If so, what are you afraid of? If not, why do you think so?
10. Jesus did the hardest things that any human could face. What can we learn from him in this regard?

ACTION STEP

The action step out of the weekend message was to do the hard thing in your life that you've been avoiding.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to hard things)

Psalms 55:22

Psalms 9:9

Hebrews 12:1-3

Philippians 2:14-15

Proverbs 14:23

Proverbs 15:19

Colossians 3:23-24

2 Timothy 2:6

John 6:27