

# GRACE GROUP GUIDE

*A focus on the SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES (prayer & Scripture), SERVING others, and committing to one another in RELATIONSHIPS.*

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**Hebrews 5:11-6:3 “Thinking Like Jesus Thinks”**  
**Week of March 22, 2020**

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USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT IN YOUR GRACE GROUPS:

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES (20 minutes)

**ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER** by sharing something that God impressed upon you this week through your daily time in **SCRIPTURE** and/or prayer. (No more than 15 minutes.)



*Our current Bible Study (starting 3/22) can be found here:*



**SPEND TIME PRAYING** as a unified voice with the rest of Grace Church. (No more than 5 minutes.)

- **Coronavirus:** We will continue to pray for this. Include those that you know are sick because of it. Ask God for. Protection. Healing. Wisdom. Confidence in God. Release from anxiety. Etc.
- **Our Leaders:** No matter if you like them or not, they need our prayers and we are instructed to follow them. (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Pray they lead well.
- **Revival:** People are slowing down and feeling their fragility more than ever before. Pray that they might turn to Jesus and find the rest they long for.
- **Your Neighbors:** Pray for your literal neighbors. Perhaps with much more time at home you will have a chance to speak to them or invite them over. Perhaps God will open the door for you to share your hope in Jesus with them.

*(Note: You will have an opportunity to pray for one another at the end of the meeting.)*

## TIME IN GOD'S WORD (30 minutes)

Here are a couple (2-3) pointed **QUESTIONS** that came from our study of this week's passage. Discuss some or all of them as a group.

1. What promise from God's Word has been most helpful for you in times of trials?
2. What way of growing in your knowledge of God and how He thinks has been most helpful to you?

3. What is one thing you are going to start doing to help you mature and think like Jesus thinks, discerning good from evil?

## SERVING OTHERS (10 minutes)

We are all called to make disciples. We are also called to be “doers” of God’s word and not just “hearers.” If we don’t live out what we hear, we deceive ourselves. (James 1:22)

- Share with your group how you could **LIVE THIS OUT** during this coming week.

**OPPORTUNITIES** (These are not necessarily related to the sermon, but reflect the mission of Grace):

- **Invite to on-line church:** Who is stuck at home that would love to Zoom with your Grace Group or be encouraged to use the resources on [gracelr.com](http://gracelr.com).
- **Be a literal neighbor:** Do you have a literal neighbor, or one close by, that could use your help? Pick up something? Go on an outdoor walk with? Etc? Be creative and encouraging during this time.

## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER (15 minutes)

SPEND TIME **PRAYING** for one another. Follow the hints below

- **Share** in a couple of sentences (2-3) your needs and burdens. This allows time for everyone to share briefly.
- **Simple** prayers that are direct and honest work best.
- **Silent** prayers are okay for everyone, especially newcomers.
- **Spirit-led** prayers rely on God’s power.

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## THIS COMING WEEK...

1. Encourage everyone in the group to have a **DAILY TIME WITH GOD** that includes Scripture and Prayer. Can you encourage one another or hold each other accountable for this crucial practice?
2. In addition, if you’d like **MORE INFORMATION** on the book of Hebrews, two great resources are N.T. Wrights Devotional “Hebrews for Everybody” and the Bible Project page on this book found here: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/hebrews/>