



Grace Group First Night Discussion Notes

Group Participant Commitments:

In order to make Group a meaningful experience here at Grace Fellowship, we ask every group member to agree to a few things:

- Maintain the confidentiality of what people share in the group and not share it with others outside the group.
- Listen well to others and respect what they have to say. Be honest and authentic with others in the group. Please speak up and share your experiences, thoughts and encouragement to others.
- If conflict within the group arises, resolve it biblically (Matthew 18:15-18).
- Make group attendance a priority by being there every time possible. We're better together and your participation will help others.
- Maintain a desire to grow spiritually and be willing to engage in conversations. Please do any reading assignments and attend the weekend services so you are familiar with the content of the discussions (when we're using the Message Guide).
- Agree to take small weekly action steps to progress in faith.
- Agree to pray for your leaders and the members of your group.

Group Needs:

- Every group needs a group Administrator. This is a person who will take attendance, communicate with group members, and generally make sure that every group member knows what is expected and when. Sometimes this is the Leader but doesn't have to be.
- Many groups need a Childcare Coordinator. This is a person who makes sure that there's adequate childcare workers for your group and that they get paid appropriately.
- Every group needs an Impact Coordinator. This will be a person who coordinates the group's participation in Impact Week.
- Most groups need a Snack Coordinator. This is a person who will make sure the snack sign-up sheet is filled and makes sure everyone knows what kind of snack is expected.

Group Goals:

- The overall goal of Groups is to move people's spiritual maturity forward. This must include efforts on both the part of group leader and the group participant.
- One of the overall goals in group life is that all group members are Partners. Information on Partnership at Grace can be found at www.gracefellowship.cc/partnership.
- Another goal of the church is that each group member serves in the church in some capacity. Volunteer opportunities can be found at www.gracefellowship.cc/volunteer.
- It is a goal that within two years, every group will multiply into two groups. Therefore, groups need to have an apprentice or apprentice couple. The overall numerical goal of group life at Grace is to have 70% of adults who worship at Grace to be in a group.