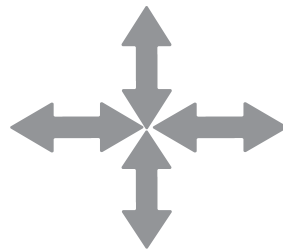




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of June 14th

Slowly, we are learning how to walk in a new atmosphere. Grace is the word. Grace. John opens his gospel saying, "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." Of all the peoples of the world, the children of God must walk in the grace of God if we are to reflect this core attribute of God. This summer the word is grace. In exactly the pace at which the Lord is leading you through Covid-19, may his grace abound to you.

Now is the time to become the greatest artist you have ever been. Continue to create ways to stay relationally and spiritually tethered to your core circle. We need each other. We are gifts to one another! Together, we are the hands and feet of Christ to one another and this city!



UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission.

Sermon: I've Come to Believe – Something Is Wrong (Romans 6:15-23)

KeyVerse:

"For the wages of sin is death..."

Romans 6:23a

Getting Started:

How do you know when you do something that is wrong?

Time of Prayer:

Together, begin with prayer. Lift up this present hour to the Lord. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and guard your time together. Pray that God will use this time to further direct your heart to Him, to walk in all His ways. Pray that your time together results in the further inbreaking of the Kingdom of Heaven, which heals our hearts and brings salvation ever closer to the yet-believing community around us as we move toward our neighbors in the love and strength of Christ.

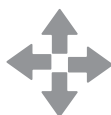


UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Together as a group, read aloud Romans 6:15-23.

Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note any words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. What is a wage? What are the wages of sin? Sit in this knowledge; what emotions are stirred within you?
2. Paul writes, "you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." Discuss how this theological treasure ought to instruct God's people.
3. At the end of verse 19, what does being a "slave to righteousness" lead to?



Out: Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

1. Spend time this week reflecting and discussing Biblically the current cultural conversation around race. Bring in this week's teaching on the reality of sin. As we seek to live on mission, how can we best press in to offering God's justice, mercy, and reconciliation to a hurting and fragmented world? Asking the Holy Spirit to guide you, how ought you respond to living in a cultural context that is filled with division and systematic injustice? Create space this week to pray specifically for racial reconciliation and for God to move mightily in this space.



IN: Connect with Each Other

In our current series you are invited to fill out the journal mailed to you. Host a conversation on sharing your salvation stories with one another. Encourage, exhort, and speak the truth in love to one another.

Pressing into the level of vulnerability that your group has built to date, close your time in prayer. Celebrating that God sent his son to cover your sin, confess and rejoice together. Invite the Spirit to minister to your hearts. Ask God to give you the spiritual eyes to see how He desires to use you to be His witness in the coming days. Groups of 3 – 5 are ideal for this intimate, crucial time together.