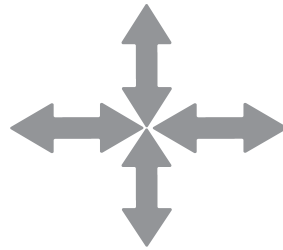




## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of July 26th

*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: Bible Top 5 – No Bad Thing (Isaiah 41:8-16)**

### **KeyVerse:**

So do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10

### **GettingStarted:**

When have you most felt God's presence?

### **TimeofPrayer:**

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 Isaiah 41:8-16.

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

1. According to verses 8-10, what has God done for his people?
2. Pastor Tim informs us this week that “the righteous right hand” of God mentioned in verse 10 is Jesus. How does your understanding of verse 10 deepen with this in mind?
3. What animal are God’s people likened to in verse 14 and why is this actually great news



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

1. When we do this, we often presume that God only has ease and comfort and rest for us. Pastor Tim points out this week that the opposite is closer to the truth. The people of God will face circumstances akin to all the peoples of the earth. The difference for God’s people is God promises to be with his people, for them and always strengthening them to walk in ever-increasing faithfulness. How does the knowledge that God has called you and promises to strengthen you and help you walk as his child effect how you live each day as a witness for God to those around you?



## IN: Connect with Each Other

Host a conversation on how you feel, and how you don’t feel, God’s calling upon your life, his actively strengthening you and helping you to walk as his child in faithfulness toward Christ. Share your heart’s requests around this conversation.

Pressing into the level of vulnerability that your group has built to date, close your time in prayer. Celebrating that God promises to strengthen you in faithfulness to him, 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.