



Group Discussion Guide



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Good News (The Gospel)

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Series Overview

Purpose of This Guide

The primary purpose of this group guide is to reinforce and deepen the lessons of the Grace Church message series: **Good News**.

- Do you understand the gospel?
- Do you believe it?
- Are you living it?
- Are you sharing it?

You may choose to use this guide:

- with your Grace Group.
- with any group of people interested in knowing what the Bible says about these topics.

1-What is the gospel?

The Primacy of the Gospel: [1Cor 15:1-8](#)

Icebreaker: Sharing Good News

When you have some good news, who do you share it with first?

Discussion Questions: Lessons from Ephesians

- After we hear and believe the gospel, what does God do to signify His ownership of us ([Eph 1:13](#))? Why does God seal us with His Spirit ([Eph 1:14](#))?
- What does it mean to be saved **UNTO** good works rather than **by** good works ([Eph 2:8-10](#))?
- In Christ, what role does ethnicity play ([Eph 3:6](#))?
- How can we wear the shoes of the gospel ([Eph 6:15](#) and [Isa 52:7](#))? What role do those shoes play in our spiritual armor?
- How often do you pray for someone to boldly share the gospel ([Eph 6:19](#))?

Dig a Little Deeper: Ephesians 2:8-10

Considering [Ephesians 2:8-10](#), what role do the following play in salvation?

	Role in Salvation	Role after Salvation
Baptism		Acts 8:35-38
Church attendance		Heb 10:23-25
Communion		1Cor 11:23-26
Giving		2Cor 8:12-14
Serving in Ministry		Eph 4:4-16

Application Exercise: Prayer of Thankfulness

If you have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, say a prayer of thanks to God.

- Thank Him for the sacrifice He made to provide a way for you to become a member of His family.
- Thank Him for the people who had a role in helping you understand the gospel.

2-*Have I believed the gospel?*

The Power of the Gospel: [Rom 1:14-18](#) and [Rom 10:1-13](#)

Icebreaker: Victory in Jesus

Listen to and sing along with this video:

<https://vimeo.com/30885401>

Discussion Questions: How Do We Know?

- According to [1John 2:3](#), what is one indicator that we know Christ?

- What does [1John 2:29](#) give as a way to tell if someone is a Christ-follower?

- [1John 3:14](#) presents loving the brethren as an indicator of salvation. Give some examples of things we can do to show love to the brethren ([1John 3:18](#)).

- There are some things you can know for sure. What do the following verses say you can know for sure?
 - ▶ [1John 5:6-10](#)
 - ▶ [1John 5:11-13](#)

Dig a Little Deeper: Is Your Love for God Growing?

If your love for God is growing, you will notice some changes in your life.

- You will be more **confident** in God ([1John 4:17-19](#)).
- You will be more **candid** with people ([1John 4:20-21](#)).
- You will be more **joyful** in your obedience to God ([1John 5:1-3](#)).
- You will be more **victorious** in your faith ([1John 5:4-5](#)).

Application: Believing the Gospel

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true \longleftrightarrow completely true
The grace of God through Christ's sacrifice is what has saved me.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I do good works as an expression of my faith, not to earn salvation.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I rejoice in knowing that my faith in Christ justifies me in God's eyes.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

3-Am I living the gospel?

Danger of False Gospels : Gal 1:6-10

Icebreaker: Enough Evidence

Discuss your reaction to the quote.

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?
-David Otis Fuller

Discussion Questions: Living the Gospel

- What did Paul say he was willing to do to see Israel accept Christ (**Rom 9:3**)? To help your loved ones come to Christ, what have you sacrificed?
- How important is it for Christ-followers to physically surrender to Christ (**Rom 6:23** and **Heb 12:5-11**)?
- Consistency and cooperation are essential in protecting the faith (**Php 1:27**).
 - ▶ What does it take to **consistently** conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel (**Eph 4:1**)?
 - ▶ Discuss how the various roles in ministry must **cooperate** to best reflect Christ's gospel.
- How can the hope of the gospel motivate you to live a life that reflects Christ (**Col 1:23**)?

Dig a Little Deeper: Live in the Spirit

- The source of a Christ-follower's power and strength is in the Lord:
 - ▶ [2Samuel 22:33](#)
 - ▶ [Psalm 62:11](#)
 - ▶ [John 1:12](#)
 - ▶ [Romans 1:16](#)
 - ▶ [1Corinthians 1:18](#)
- That is why Paul pleads with us to live in the Spirit ([Rom 8:13](#)).
- We can be victorious only through Jesus ([John 15:5](#)).

Application Exercise: Prayer

- Each day during the week, ask God to write the gospel on your mind and heart ([Heb 8:10](#)).
- Acknowledge your inability to manage your struggles on your own.
- Tell Him that you are trusting Him to guide your steps throughout the day.

4-Am I sharing the gospel?

Gospel through our words and works: [Mat 5](#) and [Col 4](#)

Icebreaker: Why Do We Hesitate?

What are some reasons we hesitate to share the gospel?

Discussion Questions: Willing to Share

- Consider the factors about the gospel that should help us be willing to share it.
 - ▶ ORIGIN: What is the origin of the gospel ([Rom 1:1](#))? How does knowing the gospel's origin make you more willing to share it?
 - ▶ POWER: What power does the gospel have ([Rom 1:16](#))? How does knowing its power make you more willing to share it?

- In what way did Paul describe his compulsion to share the gospel ([1Cor 9:16](#))? What factors compel you to share the gospel?

- Discuss what the church can do to encourage Christ-followers to share the gospel ([Acts 11:25-26](#)).

- When sharing the gospel, what are your boundaries ([Rev 7:9](#) and [Mark 16:15](#))?

Dig a Little Deeper: Read a Book

You may find the following books helpful as you grow in sharing the gospel.

- For an insightful book on pouring our lives out for Christ, try, “**Words to Winners of Souls**” by Horatius Bonar. Here’s a link to a study guide for that book: [Words to Winners of Souls Study Guide](#)
- In “**The Master Plan of Evangelism**,” Robert Coleman explores Christ’s strategy for evangelism.

Application Exercise: Sharing the Gospel

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true ←→completely true
I humbly share the true gospel.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
My actions and lifestyle are consistent with the gospel.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5



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