

Group Planning Worksheet

Make a fresh commitment to each other in your group using this worksheet.

- 1) **Purpose:** Do we agree that the primary purpose of our Grace Group is to care and pray for each other, study the Word of God for spiritual growth, and live out the mission of Grace?
- 2) **Values:** Do we agree to create a safe place to be heard and feel loved, keep everything in the group confidential, give permission to help each other live a healthy spiritual life and make our gatherings a priority, calling on the rare occasion when we can't attend?
- 3) **Logistics:** Do we agree to work through our meeting logistics, schedule, location and curriculum so we can commit to showing up and participating regularly?
- 4) **Roles:** Do we agree that every member will serve a role in our group — no spectators? Do we agree what role each member will serve?

Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Curriculum/Event
What dates will we meet the next 4 months?	Where will we meet?	What curriculum will we study? Social events? Service projects?

NEXT STEP: Leaders should make plans to meet with your Area Leader in the next two weeks to share your meeting dates, curriculum and service so they know how to pray for you and support you. If you don't know your Area Leader, contact your Associate Pastor.

How will you be involved in creating more safe harbors?

Group Roles

Leader: Primary shepherd and contact with the church

Co-Leader: Share responsibility for leading

Organization: Schedule meetings, plan special events

Prayer: Track and distribute prayer requests

Worship: Lead group into praise and adoration

Service: Plan and coordinate service projects

Administration: Update group info with online database

Relationships: Champion sharing times, life stories and socials for men, women and the group

Childcare: Coordinate care and involvement of children

Other?

September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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October

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November

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December

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DISCIPLESHIP-BASED CURRICULUM

We believe making disciples of Jesus is our primary goal at Grace and groups should learn to engage in the following 11 practices of an ordinary disciple. We organize all our group curriculum by these practices. To determine what curriculum to focus on next in your group, ask members to circle three of the following practices that they would like to work on. Compare your results and try to find similarities. Then choose a study for that practice from our Grace Groups' Curriculum Guide available on our website [Group Study page](#).



1. Practices surrender and trust
2. Practices disengagement from their routines and distractions in order to commune with God
3. Practices self-denial
4. Seeks the call of God on their lives
5. Practices moral integrity
6. Engages in lifestyles of justice and mercy
7. Practices material generosity
8. Engages the Word of God and good Biblical teaching that will transform their lives
9. Leads others to follow Jesus
10. Loves others appropriately
11. Committed to living in community through the local church

As we connect with each other in a group, we hope you can grow deeper into a Way of Discipleship relationship where a group member invites another member to explore these 11 practices in depth. You can learn more about The Way of Discipleship on our website.

SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

During the year, our Grace Group's staff writes study guides your group can use to follow the weekend sermon series. These are posted on our group study web page.

If you want immediate access to study guides that accompany weekend teaching, sign-up for our email distribution. Once you subscribe, we'll email you the study guide on Friday before the weekend teaching on weeks we write a new study guide. You can forward it to your group and be ready to meet after weekend services. Someone in your group miss the service? You can listen online early in the week following the service. Subscribe now by [logging into your Grace Account](#) and checking the Grace Groups Sermon Study Guides box on "My Info" page.

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