

Grace Groups

Growing in Grace and Watching Over One Another in Love

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THIS WEEK · PRACTICE 12 OF 25 · GIFTS

In worship: Five Promises, “Give First,” Exodus 19:3-6; 20:1-11

Growing Toward a Tithe. A tithe is 10 percent of your income, the biblical standard for generous giving. For most people, tithing is a goal to grow toward over time, not a starting point.

- Add 1 percent to your giving this year
- Work out what you give now as a percentage of income

Our Covenant

0 min

We read these four out loud and say yes to them together.

Show up. The group is more whole when you are in it.

Be honest. Speak plainly. This group has room for what is hard.

Keep it private. Keep confidences. Names and stories stay in this room.

Give everyone space. Share, then leave room for the next voice.

We Begin

2 min

We'll begin with a moment of quiet, and then we'll pray together.

. . . a few moments of silence . . .

Gracious God, your Spirit is already in this room. Give us the honesty this hour deserves and the patience each person needs. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Getting to Know One Another

5 min

Share your name, then pick one of these to answer.

- What is something you are looking forward to this month?
- What is a smell or sound that takes you back?

Next: Soul Tending, God Sightings, and Growing in Grace. These three questions are the heart of our time. We'll move through them in order, and everyone gets a turn. The smaller questions underneath are just to help, and there are no wrong answers. **Turn over →**

The Three Questions

We'll begin with how your faith has been running lately.

Soul Tending. How is your faith journey going?

10 min

- *Where have you felt God's patience with you?*
- *What are you learning to let go of?*

The five promises are a simple way to talk about a faith journey. Any one of them is a fine place to start today.

Prayers. Connecting with God through prayer, scripture, and listening.

Presence. Showing up for worship and the life of the church.

Gifts. Giving to support the church's mission.

Service. Finding where you are called to serve.

Witness. Sharing your faith in word and action.

From this week's practice. Share where you are on the journey toward a tithe and what's making it hard or hopeful.

Next, what you saw God do lately.

God Sightings. Where do you see God at work in your life?

25 min

- *Who did you see God use this week?*
- *What went right that you nearly missed?*

Now we'll say what we want God to take.

Growing in Grace. What challenge are you giving to God?

40 min

- *What weight would you like the group to help you carry?*
- *What is God inviting you toward?*

Connect Back

50 min

Name something somebody trusted the group with that you are grateful for. No advice, just the naming.

We Close

55 min

We'll keep a few moments of quiet now, so what you shared and heard can settle in your soul and go with you into the week.

. . . a few moments of silence . . .

*Faithful God, we came with full hands and we leave a little freer.
Thank you. Go with us into the week. We pray in the name of Jesus
Christ. Amen.*