

NEW
EDITION



GROW
GROUPS
LEVEL 2.0

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE

LEADING A GROW GROUP

BEGIN

with relationship building and accountability. (15-20 minutes)

- Ask about highs and lows from the week.
- Follow up on specific challenges or growth steps from the following week.
- Check in on evangelism, personal holiness, and Scripture memory.

SUMMARIZE

the reading for the week. (5 minutes)

- Explain the chapter's topic and the main points the author makes.

DISCUSS

the reading for the week with your group. (35-45 minutes)

- Ask open ended questions like: What stuck out to you from the reading this week? What was encouraging or convicting to you?
- Work through discussion questions provided in this Guide.
 - *Suggestion: 2 -3 questions from each category.*
- Ask follow-up questions based on group member responses that help them go deeper and get practical.

CLOSE

in prayer. (5-15 minutes)

- Invite the members of your group to pray.
- Briefly share prayer requests and specifically pray for one another.

READING TIMELINES (2 OPTIONS)

BOOKS

- 1. HABITS OF GRACE**
by David Mathis
- 2. THEOLOGY OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING**
by Heath Lambert
- 3. CHRIST FROM BEGINNING TO END**
by Trent Hunter and Stephen Wellum

19 WEEK OPTION

WEEK# BK #: CHAPTER(S)

- 1** 1: Intro -6
- 2** 1: 7-12
- 3** 1: 13-19
- 4** 1: 19-21

- 5** 2: 1
- 6** 2: 2
- 7** 2: 3
- 8** 2: 4
- 9** 2: 5
- 10** 2: 6
- 11** 2: 7
- 12** 2: 8
- 13** 2: 9
- 14** 2: 10
- 15** 2: 11-12

- 16** 3: Intro - 4
- 17** 3: 5 - 8
- 18** 3: 9 -12
- 19** 3: 13 - Conclus.

32 WEEK OPTION

WEEK# BK #: CHAPTER(S)

- 1** N/A
- 2** 1: Preface/Intro
- 3** 1: 1 - 3
- 4** 1: 4 - 6
- 5** 1: 7 - 9
- 6** 1: 10 - 12
- 7** 1: 13 - 15
- 8** 1: 16 - 18
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- 10** 2: 1
- 11** 2: 2
- 12** 2: 3
- 13** 2: 4
- 14** 2: 5
- 15** 2: 6
- 16** 2: 7
- 17** 2: 8
- 18** 2: 9
- 19** 2: 10
- 20** 2: 11 - 12

- 21** 3: Intro - 1
- 22** 3: 2 - 4
- 23** 3: 5 - 6
- 24** 3: 7- 8
- 25** 3: 9
- 26** 3: 10
- 27** 3: 11
- 28** 3: 12
- 29** 3: 13
- 30** 3: 14
- 31** 3: 15
- 32** 3: Conclusion

BOOK STUDY QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR UNDERSTANDING:

1. How would you summarize the main points the author made in the reading?
2. What jumped out to you most from the reading?
3. What did you learn about God from the reading?
4. What did you learn about people from the reading?
5. What questions do you have about this reading?

QUESTIONS FOR HEART CHANGE:

1. How might this reading impact your relationship with God?
2. How did this reading change the way you think or influence what you believe?
3. How did this reading shape your desires?
4. What was most encouraging to you from this reading?
5. What was most convicting to you from this reading?

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION:

1. What are the actions you need to take in response to this reading? What's your plan to take them?
2. What habits did this reading encourage you to stop, change, or start? How will you do that?
3. How might this reading shape the way you relate with others?
4. What struggles in your life did this reading address? How did it address them?
5. Based on this reading, what are some specific ways you need to grow? How do you plan on growing?

SHARE WHERE YOU ARE - CHECK IN

(Every 6 weeks)

PRAY

Take time to share prayer requests related to sharing where you are. We can labor hard and long but if God doesn't give the increase our efforts are in vain (Psalm 127:1-2). Spend time as a group praying for one another and for those you are striving to reach.

PRAISE

Discuss any praise updates related to sharing where you are. We want to celebrate all that God is doing through you reaching out to others. Be sure to celebrate even the "smallest" step taken such as getting to know someone more or inviting them over to your home. Be sure to celebrate gospel conversations and certainly rejoice when someone trusts in Jesus Christ.

PRESENT

Use this as a time to present to your group any progress you've made sharing where you are. This will help you hold one another accountable and encourage one another to continue making progress.

PLAN

After hearing where each group member is, help one another plan the next step forward. For instance, if someone has met their neighbor and is afraid to get to know them more, brainstorm questions they can ask their neighbor next time they see each other. If someone has invited their coworker over for dinner two or three times, but is now scared to share Christ, help them plan ways they can engage them in a gospel conversation.

GROW GROUP REQUIREMENTS

I will commit to the following expectations:

1

I am eager to grow in my relationship with the Lord as I am entering into a year of accelerated pursuit of godliness.

2

I will meet with my Grow Group for approximately one hour every week, unless providentially hindered.

3

I will complete all my assignments on a weekly basis before my Grow Group meeting in order to contribute to discussion.

4

I will seek to contribute to the conversation with humility, transparency, and genuine care for others.

5

I am open to leading a Grow Group in the future.