



“GRACE” WEEK FIVE LEADER NOTES SUNDAY THROUGH TUESDAY GROUPS

This is the last week of the “Grace” series and this week’s notes are written with the idea that this meeting will be your last group meeting. If you have one more meeting or will have a wrap-up week, come back to the Week 5 Table Talk and Live It Out Questions as well as each of the week’s Memory Verses to review the overall study.

1. **Everyone Arrives / Social Time / Choose A New Study (15 Minutes)** Use this time to present the new study options you have found based on the group’s input. Review and choose what your group will study next.
2. **Memory Verses & Follow Up From Week Four (15 Minutes)** Open in prayer. Ask if anyone can recite the memory verse from Week Four. As they do, ask people to explain what the verse means to them and their life. Help make the memory verse more than just about straight memorization. Next, ask people to share any observations from the Table Talk Week 4. What are some of the strengths people discovered? Ask how the group can excel in using his or her strength to show grace to others and therefore excel in the grace of giving.
3. **Group Study Time & Personal Application (45 Minutes)** In Week Five you will study the story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. Prepare ahead of time by reading this story and the Study Notes on pages 37-39 in your study guide. Identify key points and be ready to point them out as the group reads together.

Read the story as a group and use the four main questions on page 36 and the Live It Out questions on page 40 to spur conversation along. How does this story embody what you have discussed these prior four sessions on God’s grace?

4. **Prayer Requests (10 Minutes)** Exchange prayer requests as a group or individually. Ask for any updates and answered prayers from the past four sessions. Celebrate as a group where you have seen God at work.
5. **Prayer Requests & Communion (15 Minutes)** A way to close this session and reinforce the fact of God’s provision of grace for us in Christ is through communion. Prepare the bread and juice ahead of time and bring it out as the group writes their prayer requests. Have the group exchange prayer requests with each other or as a group. Afterwards, read from Matthew 26:26-29, pausing to allow each group member to take a piece of bread and juice. Instruct the group to pray silently and add anything to prayer requests. After a minute, close the group out with the Lord’s prayer, Matthew 6:9-13
6. **Closing & Follow Up (5 Minutes)** Close the group study time in prayer. Then, review the following:
 - a. Encourage those that haven’t completed the Table Talk Week 5 on page 41 to do so.
 - b. Review any logistics for a follow-up dinner or group get-together to celebrate the end of this study and preview the next study.
 - c. Review any details about getting materials and logistics for the start of your next study. Have the group coordinator or co-leader send these updates out to the group in the coming week.