



## **“GRACE” WEEK ONE LEADER NOTES WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY GROUPS**

*By Wednesday, most people should have had a chance to go through the Personal Notes and the Live It Out questions. The following Leader Notes are designed to help you lead the best meeting possible. Feel free to use as much or as little of these notes as needed.*

1. **Everyone Arrives / Social Time (15 Minutes)**
2. **Opening (5 Minutes)** Open in prayer. Following the prayer let everyone know this week’s group will review the layout of the study (pages 3 and 4) and then go through observations from the Personal Study Notes and Live It Out Questions (pages 8-11.)
3. **Group Study Time (25 Minutes)** Read Luke 15:1-7. Have the group follow along as you read. After reading, have everyone turn to page 8 and ask if anyone would like to share his or her observations from reading this passage on the Lost Sheep. Be ready to provide your own insights or observations as well as pull in examples or thoughts from your message notes on page 7.
4. **Personal Application (15 Minutes)** Next, go through the Live It Out questions on page 10. Ask anyone who has gone through the Table Talk devotional on page 11 to share what he or she learned. At the end, summarize any main observations and encourage everyone to go through Luke 15:1-7 and review his or her notes from the group discussion at least one more time. Also, encourage anyone who has not completed his or her Table Talk devotional to do so.
5. **Prayer Requests (10 Minutes)** Exchange prayer requests as a group or individually. Visit the Leader Resources page of [StonecreekChurch.org](http://StonecreekChurch.org) to find tips on prayer requests and praying as a group.
6. **Closing (5 Minutes)** Close the group study time in prayer. Then, review the following:
  - a. Make sure everyone knows he or she should be ready to recite the memory verses for Weeks One and Two
  - b. Review the Grace to Go Projects with your group and determine which one you will sign up for. Assign someone to visit the table and sign the group up the following Sunday.
7. **Follow Up (During The Week)** Make sure your coordinator or co-leader sends out an update on key points from the group discussion and logistics for the next meeting. Also, make a point to call each group member or couple this week and check in on how they’re doing. Be sure to follow up on any areas where people mentioned they are struggling to understand or embrace something.