



“GRACE” WEEK THREE 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. After, ask everyone to recite the memory verses for Week Three.
3. **Group Study Time & Personal Application (55 Minutes)** Ask people to share any new observations from the Week Two Table Talk. What are some of the favorite board games? Make a note of the responses in order to plan a game night as a group social after “Grace” concludes. Any new observations on Christ’s statement, “the last will be first and the first will be last?” Did anyone spend time this past week thinking about how Christ himself lived out his statement? How does the Week Three memory verse remind us of Christ’s words in Week Two?

Next, read through Mark 10:17-31 and have the group share observations. Repeat with John 3:1-21. As the group discusses each passage, interject examples from the Study Notes on pages 21-23 and the Live It Out questions on page 24 to spur conversation along and reinforce the main points of the passage.

For Personal Application this week, use questions three and four of the Live It Out section on page 24. If this is the first time most of the group has thought about these questions, give the whole group several minutes to read the questions, reread the Scripture and write out an answer. Don’t rush this and don’t feel like you need to fill the silence. Let people wrestle with these questions a little.

4. **Prayer Requests (10 Minutes)** Exchange prayer requests as a group or individually. Ask for any updates and answered prayers from last week.
5. **Closing (5 Minutes)** Close the group study time in prayer. Then, review the following:
 - a. Make sure everyone is ready to recite the memory verse for Week Four.
 - b. Remind everyone on the details of your Grace To Go project.
 - c. Ask the group to e-mail you this week a couple of ideas around what they would like to study after “Grace.”
6. **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, find at least one person within the group willing to open and/or close the next meeting in prayer and someone who will help read the two passages at the next meeting (Acts 7 and Luke 19:1-10.)