

# Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Have you recently experienced God's or someone else's grace? Share that experience with your group.

If you had the means to do something unique and gracious for someone around you, what would you do, and for whom?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read 2 Peter 3:12-14.** Is there a two-word phrase that's used in each of these three verses? How do these two repeated words relate to the overall theme of Peter's book? What are the implications for everyday life if we take this spiritual posture?

**Read Romans 3:21-24 and Romans 3:20-24.** Is there a way for us to become "without spot or blemish" through our own efforts. What's the problem with the "Do better-Try harder" approach David taught about? Why can't our own efforts "fix" the problem everyone has with sin and separation?

**Read 2 Peter 3:15 and 2 Corinthians 5:17.** In what way is your life in Jesus "new"? How do we nurture our new life in Jesus? How does our new life relate to the "enemies of our heart"?

**Read 2 Peter 3:18.** As you think back through the last few years, how have you experienced growth in the influence of grace?

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

Why is grace so important to the Christian faith? How badly do you long to grow in grace? Bring that longing into your small group prayer time.

What's one takeaway from these studies in 1 and 2 Peter that you will carry with you. Review your sermon notes together, if possible, and discuss among your group.

### **DAILY THIS WEEK**

1. **Strive for Peace:** Actively seek to resolve conflicts and promote harmony in personal relationships, family, workplace, and community. Example: If there is a disagreement at work, approach it with a peacemaking attitude, seeking a resolution that reflects fairness and understanding.
2. **Grow in Grace Through the Scriptures:** Commit to regular study of the Bible, Bible memorization, sermons at FHC, and praying the Scriptures. This helps to deepen our understanding of God's Word and His will. Example: Join a Bible study group to enhance your understanding of the Scriptures and apply them to your daily life.
3. **Be Diligent in Blamelessness:** Be conscientious in your daily responsibilities, ensuring that your actions are above reproach. Avoid situations and behaviors that could lead to moral compromise or harm your witness as a Christian. Example: At work, maintain integrity in all tasks, avoiding shortcuts or dishonest practices, ensuring that your work ethic reflects your faith.

### **PRAYER (10 MINUTES)**

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, please help us to grasp and put into practice the steps that will bring us true change and growth in grace. Our way forward is all about you and the grace you give us, not the imperfect efforts of our own willpower. Bless us to grow in grace. In Christ's name, Amen.*