



At Involve Church, you're likely to hear us talk about a few important concepts we call our Core Values. They define who we are and prioritize our time, energy, and resources. You will find each of our Core Values below along with some follow up questions that pertain to this week's talk. Life Groups meet during the week to discuss these questions and encourage one another in their relationship with Jesus. **For more information on our Core Values or Life Groups, visit involvechurch.com.**

Life Group Discussion Guide

Talk Title: "Amazing Grace and Peace"

Colossians 1:1-2



Authenticity | *Making it Real*

Have you had anyone say, "you must not be a follower of Jesus because, (you fill in the blank)." What are some ways people judge Christians today?



Cultural Relevance | *Bridging the Gap*

What is Bridging the Gap? *The Words of the Bible were written in a time and culture that is much different than ours. The principles of the Bible are timeless, but the background, style of writing, and flow of thought is often much different than today. It's always a good idea to ask the question, "What did this portion of the Bible mean to the people it was written to?" Once you've answered this question you can draw out principles that apply to our world today.*

According to Merriam-Webster, asceticism is *practicing strict self-denial as a measure of personal and especially spiritual discipline*. This way of thinking stems from the idea that the body is evil and must be put into submission. The opposite of asceticism is being self-indulgent or licentious, meaning we have a license to do whatever we want. As followers of Jesus, we would say we shouldn't be ascetics or self-indulgent. How should we live and why? Which way does our culture lean regarding asceticism and self-indulgence and how does this affect you?

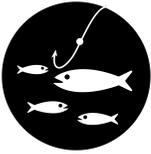


Discipleship | *Asking the Tough Questions*

Read Romans 11:6 - From this passage, how would you define grace?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10 - Discuss in your group how grace and works, work together.

Read Romans 5:1 - How do we obtain peace with God? Why is this important?



Evangelism | *Reaching Our Community*

Discuss in your group how we can demonstrate grace and peace in our community. What are some practical ways we could show people around us that we have peace with God and are walking in grace?



Multiply | *Reproducing Our Faith*

Each of us has a story that can impact people around us. How has God revealed His grace to you? How can you use your story to impact another person?



Service | *Serving Our Church and Community*

It's easy to think, while serving the community and church, that this act or deed is really going to help my relationship with God. For example, "I may be more blessed," or "God's going to like me more now" are thoughts we could be tempted to think. How do these temptations keep us from serving with a genuine heart? How is this different from serving people out of gratitude for God's grace shown to us?



Pray
for them



Invest
in them



Invite
Dinner, Church,
Testimony



Involve
in serving