



## Grace Place Ministry Sheet

This ministry sheet is a step by step guide for Grace Place Groups, Gatherings, and Churches. It can be used in a small group setting, adapted for larger groups, or used as a sermon outline for pastors and teachers.

### FELLOWSHIP & PRAISE REPORTS:

Fellowship is an important part of Grace Place! Spend time fellowshiping and getting better acquainted with those attending. If it is just your family, spend this time listening to each other! Be sure to introduce any guest or first time attendees. Ask those attending to share a Praise Report of something good God has done during the week!

### WORSHIP

Worship is at the heart of all Grace Place events. Worshipping together can be a wonderful experience for everyone! Use those in the Group, or Gathering, that are musically inclined to lead, or use a Grace Place Worship CD and simply sing along! Encourage all to participate in worship, either by singing, or simply enjoying a time of worship.



Symbols to help you with your Kingdom Life Bible Study:

#### BIRTHRIGHT

Truths That Never Change concerning:

1. The work of God & Christ in securing the Birthright
2. The Birthright given to every Child of God
3. The work of God & Christ in the Earthlife of every Child of God

#### EARTHLIFE

Truths about Everyday Living while here on Earth

#### KINGDOM LIFE

Truths about the abundant results of applying your Birthright to your Earthlife.

## GIVING GOD'S GRACE! By Valleta Lanier

**Purpose:** To learn how to extend God's grace to all people, regardless of their life situations.

**Scripture Verse:** Luke 6:36



36  "Be merciful,  just as your Father is merciful."

**Overview:** God's grace is amazing. Regardless of your circumstance, He continually extends His hand of grace. And His grace is available to everyone and does not come with conditions. It is free to all mankind, because Jesus already paid the price for God's grace. Now God wants His children to extend that same grace to all people, even when their life situation does not look like it merits God's grace. So, how can that be accomplished? In this Kingdom Life Bible Study we are going to use an acronym for the word G - R - A - C - E and learn how to continually GIVE GOD'S GRACE.

## Guard God's Standard!

2 Timothy 1

 13 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love  which are in Christ Jesus.

 14 Guard,  through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

The Apostle Paul was encouraging the young Timothy to guard the standard of sound words that he had learned. When seeking to be an agent of God's grace many times there will be a challenge that comes strait to the heart of God's standards found in His Word. People that are living outside of God's plan for their life, and outside of God's standard, cannot understand how they could possibly experience God's grace from someone without pushing them to compromise or weaken the standard. Giving God's grace is not for those that are exclusively living a life pleasing to God. Is there anyone on the earth that is ALWAYS pleasing to God? No. We all need God's grace. But that grace comes through a God standard that cannot be broken. First, and most importantly, you must GUARD GOD'S STANDARD. Do not allow God's standard to be compromised or broken. Jesus knew how to do this. When encountering the woman at the well (John 4) Jesus did not back down from telling her about the problems in her personal life. She knew immediately that her life-style was wrong, Jesus was upholding God's standard, and also extending God's grace. She respected Jesus and felt loved, not rejected. True love and grace comes when you uphold God's standard to the one in need, and then give God's grace.

- Have you found yourself pushed into a circumstance where you felt you had to compromise God's standard to continue a relationship with someone in need of God's grace?

## Rely on God!

When becoming an agent of God's grace in the lives of people that are *not* seeking God, if you do not see the change you are hoping and praying for, many times you lose hope. That is when you need to RELY ON GOD to bring about that change! He has a plan that will bring *lasting* change, staying within the bounds of grace. Here is two ways He does that:

### 1. Holy Spirit's Grace Conviction



John 16:8

*"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;"*

**Sin – Conviction of the lost man for salvation**

**Righteousness – Conviction of the saved man not seeking God**

**Judgment – Conviction of the end-time judgment**

- How many of these "convictions" have you experience?
- It is good to remember how the Holy Spirit works in lives and what powerful changes come because of His power. Can you share some of those changes in your life?

### 2. God's Grace Discipline



Hebrews 12

*5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;*

*6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines; And He scourges every son whom He receives. "*

*7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?*

*8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

*9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?*

- Discipline means **CHASTEN: To train up a child; educate by discipline; instruct; learn; teach.** God knows how to discipline His children and continue to love and give grace. What are some ways God uses discipline to train?

## Allow People to Choose!



Psalm 25:12

*Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.*

You cannot force, or manipulate, people to make choices and change. Only God's power brings about true and lasting change. God wants His children to be agents of His mercy and grace. He does not force choices or change on people, but uses the Holy Spirit, the Word, people, and circumstances to bring about conviction and discipline, allowing people to choose. If you are giving God's grace and find that it is not being received, you must do what God does... ALLOW PEOPLE TO CHOOSE! That will take you back to the "R"... RELY ON GOD!

- Was there a time when someone tried to manipulate you to make a choice they wanted?
- Did you choose what they wanted? What was the outcome of the choice you made?

## Cope with Choices Made!

 Proverbs 3:5

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding.*

How do you cope with wrong choices people make, especially when you have a sincere desire to give God's grace? You will find the answer in the beautiful verse above.

- TRUST IN THE LORD with all your heart. Rejection can be heart breaking. That's why the most important way to cope with rejected grace is to trust God *with your heart*. Why do you think the scripture said "trust in the Lord with all your heart" instead of "trust in the Lord with all your mind"?
- DO NOT LEAN on your understanding. I like this. To me it says, "Don't keep thinking about it". The way to cope with other's choices is to trust the Lord, and put it out of your mind! You cannot change the choices, and God has a great plan for you. If you keep thinking about the "wrong" choices, you'll miss being God's agent of grace! What are some thoughts you can put in your mind? (Read Philippians 4:8.)

## Extend God's Grace!

 Luke 6

35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.

36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 "And do not judge and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Many times the above verse 38 is used in light of giving offerings, and that can be very appropriate. But look for a moment at what Jesus was talking about... love, do good, lend, kindness, mercy, no judgment, no condemnation, pardon. Perhaps He was saying, give these things and they be given to you... good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, pouring into your lap. God has called His children to *continually* be agents of His grace. The world is in need of experiencing the loving, mercifully, non-judgmental, non-condemning, free Grace of God. Regardless of the life-style of people, God has wants them to experience His grace. Will you EXTEND GOD'S GRACE?

- Make a list of people in your life that God wants you to extend His grace to.



**Kingdom Life Conclusion:** God is asking you to be an agent of His grace. How is it possible to continually Give God's Grace?

1. GUARD GOD'S STANDARD
2. RELY ON GOD
3. ALLOW PEOPLE TO CHOOSE
4. COPE WITH CHOICES MADE
5. EXTEND GOD'S GRACE

May you experience Kingdom Life as you accept the joyful calling of GIVING GOD'S GRACE!

## PRAYER AND/OR MINISTRY TIME

Listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and follow as He directs.

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