

GROWTH GROUP BRIEFING NOTES

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*Foundations for
Discipleship*
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Welcome to this week's GG Briefing Notes! Thanks for leading this discussion in your group. Do pray that God uses it to help everyone in your group become more like Jesus.

We have suggested below some things to aim for in your discussion. Please don't just read this sheet out to the group! Decide before you start how you'll work towards each aim. Which of our questions will you use (you may not need all of them) – or can you think of better ones? What kind of answers will you be hoping to get from each question?

As you ask questions, keep the aim in mind, and only give hints if you have to. Don't forget to make sure everyone in the group is involved.

1

Aim

To think about how the gospel should impact our whole lives.

**Some
Possible
Questions**

Divide into pairs and give them one of the following passages (you don't need to cover them all), and ask them to report back on how that passage teaches that what God does for us in the gospel must affect how we live our whole lives: Romans 6 v1-14, Romans 13 v11-14, Ephesians 2 v8-10, Philippians 2 v12-13, Titus 2 v11-14, 1 Peter 1 v13-23, 2 Peter 1 v 3-11, 1 John 3 v1-3.

2

Aim

To apply the gospel to specific situations in our own lives.

**Some
Possible
Questions**

Divide into threes and fours. Ask one person in each group to describe a situation or issue they are facing at the moment (good, bad or complicated!). Ask the rest of the little group to help them see how to apply the gospel to that situation – like Simeon did on Sunday, but taking time to understand the nuances of the situation as experienced by this particular individual. In other words, you're asking: how should what God has done/is doing/will do in the gospel affect their attitude and actions?

Pray for them.

Repeat with other group member(s) if time.

Hints

You could give out the list of passages on the next page as a hint sheet.

APPLYING THE GOSPEL TO EVERYDAY LIFE

Some examples from the New Testament showing how what God has done/is doing/will do in the gospel should affect specific aspects of our lives.

Doctrinal disagreements over secondary issues	Romans 15 v1-7
Generosity	2 Corinthians 8 v7-9
Groups in the church following different leaders	1 Corinthians 1 v10-13 & 3 v16-23
Holiness/purity/fruitfulness (in general).....	John 15 v1-17, Romans 6 v1-14, 12 v1-2, 13 v11-14, 1 Corinthians 6 v9-11, Ephesians 2 v8-10, 4 v17-28, 5 v3-10, Philippians 2 v12-13, Colossians 3 v1-15, 1 Thessalonians 4 v3-8, 5 v1-10, Titus 2 v11-14, 1 Peter 1 v13-23, 2 Peter 1 v3-11, 1 John 3 v1-3
Loving and serving other Christians.....	John 13 v12-17, 13 v34-35, Romans 12 v5-7
Marriage.....	Ephesians 5 v22-33
Money	Hebrews 13 v5
Occult & idolatry	1 Corinthians 10 v14-22
Opposition for our faith	1 Corinthians 15 v20-32, Philippians 1 v27-29, Hebrews 12 v1-8, 1 Peter 4v12-19
Poor people, honouring	James 2 v1-7
Prayer.....	1 Peter 4 v7
Relationships in the church	John 17 v20-23, 1 Corinthians 6 v1-8, Philippians 2 v1-11, Ephesians 4 v1-5, 4v25-27, Colossians 3 v9-15, 1 Peter 5 v5-7
Sexual sin	1 Corinthians 5 v1-8, 6 v9-20
Unbelievers, unhealthy influence from	2 Corinthians 6 v14-18
Unjust suffering	1 Peter 2 v18-21