

Grace Group Discussion Guide

Possessing a Faith that is Effective and Fruitful

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1 Peter 1:5–8

Synopsis:

Seven qualities that Christians must lavishly supply to their life in order to be effective and fruitful.

1. An Engaging Virtue
2. A Definite Knowledge
3. A Ruling Self Control
4. A Tireless Steadfastness
5. An Abundant Godliness
6. An Endearing Brotherly Love
7. A Sacrificial Love

Questions:

1. Why is it critical for you to work out your salvation? What is revealed through it?
2. What is the Christian supposed to walk in? What does this “walk” keep you from falling into?
3. How can you, “make every effort,” to practice these godly qualities amidst a buddy life full of God given responsibilities?
4. How can virtue or moral excellence in an immoral world glorify God? What is revealed about Christ and his Gospel?
5. What common distractions keep you from the Word? How can you practice putting these distractions off?
6. Read Colossians 1:9-10 and Phillipians 1:9, Why must you prioritize the truth over the pleasures of this life?
7. Read Proverbs 25:28, What habits can we start today that will make us more disciplined? What is our motivation to be disciplined? (Read 1 Corinthians 9:24–27).
8. Andy called the Christian to have an abundant godliness, how can we stir up in our own hearts a greater desire to live for God in every moment?
9. Why is it hard to put others before ourselves? How does this type of love represent Christ to others?

Prayer Suggestion:

- Pray for the Mulligan family who have lost their son Mattix who passed away a few weeks ago. May the peace of Christ comfort this family in what is a most difficult circumstance.
- Pray for the High School Ministry as they transition from the Barn into the Warehouse, that this new space would be a blessing to the students to be used to see students saved and sanctified through the preaching of God's Word!
- go forth! Pray that our Church body would live this Christian life supplementing our faith with the virtues found in 2 Peter 1:5–8 that we may be a blessing to the unbelieving world we live in that Christ may be seen in how we live!

Missions Prayer Requests:

In mid-January, GCV is sending Team Mexico to serve approximately 700-800 Pastors and Elders at a conference in El Fuerte, Mexico. While there, the team will be setting up tables for book vendors and chairs for the attendees. They will serve the pastors snacks, lunch, and help with all the cleanup during the week. Furthermore, they have been asked by Pastor Hector to provide child care for the kids of local Pastors and their wives. Please pray for them as they serve for the following!

- 1: Pray for the team as they serve the pastors in Mexico that they would be strengthened to serve with excellence as representatives of GCV and of Jesus Christ.
- 2: Pray for them as they care for the children that the kids would leave loved and cared for.
- 3: Pray that the team's words would be an encouragement and blessing to all the pastors and servants they encounter.
- 4: Pray for spiritual unity as a team and with our fellow believers in El Fuerte.
- 5: Pray for the team not to be a burden to Pastor Hector in any way, but be flexible to his needs as to where we can be of best service.
- 6: Pray for safety with the rising tension between the USA and Mexico.
- 7: Pray for the conference that many pastors would leave the week strengthened and equipped to go preach the Word of God across Mexico and Latin America.
- 8: Pray for our missionaries, Hector and Inrida Ortega, that they would be strengthened and encouraged by GCV's love, support, and prayers for them.

2 Corinthians 1:12 For our boast is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the Grace of God and supremely so towards you!