

# FIELD PREACHING

Proclaiming God's Liberating Love Beyond the Walls

## PURPOSE

To discern the message of love most needed in your context and to imagine creative, Spirit-led ways to share that message where people already are.

### Discern

Begin with prayer or silence, asking: Who is not being reached—and what good news are they longing to hear?

### Discussion Questions

- 1. Who is missing—and why?**  
Who in your community or neighborhood is unlikely to walk into a church building? What barriers—cultural, social, economic, political, or theological—keep them from hearing a message of God's love?
- 2. What pain, fear, or longing defines your context right now?**  
What do people around you seem weary of, angry about, anxious over, or grieving? What wounds are most visible—and which are hidden but persistent?
- 3. What specific message of God's love needs to be heard here?**  
Not a generic message, but *this* message, for *these* people, in *this* moment. What liberating truth about God's love would sound like good news in your context?
- 4. Where are people already gathering—and paying attention?**  
Identify physical, digital, or relational "fields" where people already spend time: online spaces, workplaces, schools, cafes, support groups, community events, or informal networks. Where is the Spirit already creating opportunity?
- 5. What creative form could carry this message with integrity?**  
What medium best fits both the message and the audience—storytelling, short-form video, art, music, conversation, ritual, social media, public presence, or partnership? What would feel authentic rather than forced?

### Proclaim

- Choose **one message** and **one "field"** and design a small, faithful experiment to share God's love beyond the walls. Focus on clarity, compassion, and connection—not scale or perfection.

# GRACE GROUP GUIDE

**Purpose:** To grow in grace and watch over one another in love

## Center

Offer prayer or a moment of silence to center the groups as you gather.

- 1. Soul Tending**  
How is your faith journey going?



- 2. God Sightings**  
Where are you experiencing God moving in your life?



- 3. Growing In Grace**  
What is one challenge you are working through that you need to offer over to God?



## Close

Close in prayer for one another.

# GRACE GROUP GUIDE

(An alternate version)

**Purpose:** To watch over one another in love

## Center

Casual conversation around food and beverage.

1.

### **Soul Tending: (Always ask) How is it with your soul?**

What has been weighing most heavily on you lately?  
Where do you feel stretched thin—or unseen—right now?  
Where have you felt even a small sense of peace or steadiness?

*Facilitator note: Silence is allowed. Tears are allowed. "I don't know" is a faithful answer.*



2.

### **God Sightings: Where have you noticed God - or longed for God - in the middle of your everyday life?**

Was there a moment this week—mundane or meaningful—where you sensed grace?

Where did you feel God's absence, and what did that stir in you?  
Did someone show up for you in a way that felt holy?

*Reminder: God sightings include survival, endurance, laughter, and rest - not just 'big' spiritual moments.*



3.

### **Growing In Grace: What is a struggle, fear, or tension that you need help carrying and are willing to place in God's care with this group?**

Is there something about parenting, partnership, work, or the world that feels especially heavy right now?

Where are you feeling guilt, shame, anger, or grief that you rarely name out loud?

What would grace look like for you this week—not perfection, just grace?

*Group posture: This is not problem-solving time unless explicitly invited. The work here is listening, holding, and praying.*



## Close

Close in prayer for one another.

# SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships across boundaries for mutual healing, wholeness, and justice-seeking

## Love Your Neighbor

Take these steps to form mutual relationships where God's love can grow

### Crossing Social Boundaries

1. Identify individuals or an organization from a different socio-economic, racial, cultural, or other social location in order to establish an authentic relationship in which love of neighbor can be embodied.

### Mutuality

2. Engage in a relationship of mutuality, formed through listening to each other's stories, sharing and receiving each other's gifts, and identifying needs that can be met through mutual work.

### Deep Solidarity

3. Cultivate deep solidarity by welcoming each other into community, share each other's stories, care for one another's hurts and needs, and allow the relationship to reshape and inform your own life.

## Engage

Engage in mutual relationship across boundaries to seek justice, peace, healing, and wholeness

# LEADERSHIP ACTIVATION

Empowering People to Lead from their Gifts, Passions, and Lived Experience

## PURPOSE

To discern who is ripe for new and creative forms of leadership and how the Spirit may already be activating them for the sake of the mission.

### Discern

Take a moment of silence or prayer, asking: Where is the Spirit already moving among us?

### Discussion Questions

- 1.** **Where do you see people already leading without permission?**  
Think of individuals who naturally gather others, name hard truths, offer care, or initiate action—often outside formal roles. What are they already doing that looks like leadership?
- 2.** **Whose voices are we not hearing—but should be?**  
Who in your community has lived experience, insight, or passion that is often overlooked, dismissed, or kept at the margins? What might change if they were empowered to lead?
- 3.** **What burdens do people carry that might actually be callings?**  
Where do you notice deep frustration, holy anger, or persistent concern in someone's life? How might that burden point toward a new form of leadership or ministry?
- 4.** **What leadership gifts are emerging beyond traditional church roles?**  
Consider gifts such as storytelling, digital creativity, organizing, hospitality, advocacy, or bridge-building. How are these gifts already showing up in everyday life?
- 5.** **What would it look like to trust, release, and delegate?**  
Where might existing leaders need to step back, loosen control, or make room for leadership to mutate, multiply, and adapt—rather than be managed or contained?

### Activate

**Identify one person or group** named in your conversation and take a concrete next step:

- Invite them to experiment with leadership in a low-risk, high-trust way
- Ask what support—not permission—they need
- Bless what is already emerging and let it grow