

Community Group Guide:

Grace Anatomy #1

Open with Prayer

- I. **Background** on the Book - Read Chapter 1
 - a. Make sure you understand the setting of this book.
 - b. For Super Scholars:
 - i. Consider the following Old Testament passages, comparing them to what you just read in Revelation:
 - ii. Ezekiel 1:26-28, 43:1-5; Daniel 7:9-14, 10:5-10. Also read Mark 9:1-8.
 - iii. Look up several of the other allusions made in this chapter to the Old Testament:
 - 1:6 to Exodus 19:6
 - 1:8 to Isaiah 44:6
 - 1:13 to Exodus 28:6-8
 - 1:16 to Isaiah 11:4, 49:2, and 60:19-20
 - 1:18 to Isaiah 22:22

II. **Share:**

- a. Who was your 1st crush or 1st love?
- b. How old were you?

III. **Connect:**

- Read **Revelation 2: 1-7**
- After this, look at these Old Testament passages: Genesis 2:9, 3:22-24, Deut 6:4-9, Psalm 104:31-35, Psalm 139:19-24, Proverbs 3:13-18, Jeremiah 2:2-13.

- Scan **Acts 19** for some Background on church at Ephesus:
- Make a list of the good things this church was doing
- Make a list of the faults of this church
- What is the importance of the description of Jesus in verse 1? In what way, if any, is this particular description related to the problems and challenges of this church?
- Consider verses two and three. Do we corporately as a church live up to this church's example?
- Given all that is positive in verses 2 and 3, why is Jesus' statement in verse 4 so important? *See also Matt 24:12-13, Mark 12:28-34, Phil 3:7-14.*
- Compare verse 5 to verse 2. Jesus commends the church for its deeds in verse 2, but tells them to do the deeds they did at first in verse 5. In what sense were they not doing the deeds they did at first?
- What would happen to a church which lost its lampstand?
- Why are the Ephesians commended for hating the deeds of the Nicolaitans (see OT passages above)?
- How can we ensure that we do not fall into the error of the Ephesians? How can we reignite that first love if we have lost it?
- How might its strengths have been the cause of its failure?
- What is repentance?
 - Why was it necessary for this church?
 - Why is it necessary for us?
- Read **Romans 10: 9 - 10 & James 5: 13 - 16**

IV. **Share with One Another**

- What has God told you in this passage?
- What's some "Love Restoration" you might do this week?
- What Prayers Can Be Offered for You in reference of What You Studied Today?

V. **Close in Prayer** (*using this confession if you choose*):

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.



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