Reflection Questions

1. How do we respond/feel to having a personal responsibility in helping other Christians grow spiritually through the corporate disciplines?

2. Which of the corporate disciplines is the most challenging for you to actively participate in?

3. Could we practice these disciplines in our Home Community? Tonight?

Spiritual Disciplines: The Corporate Disciplines
– Series 3 of 3 – March 16, 2014

Week one: The Inward Disciplines – Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, & Study.

Last week: The Outward Disciplines – Simplicity, Solitude, Submission, & Service.

This week: The Corporate Disciplines - Confession, Worship, Guidance, Celebration

I. The Discipline of Confession –

The power of the discipline of confession comes from the accomplishment of Jesus Christ on the cross.

- Without Jesus...confession can at most be psychologically therapeutic.

- With Jesus...confession is a means of healing and transforming the inner spirit.

Isn’t confession a gift of grace, not a discipline?

Isn’t confession a private matter and therefore not a “corporate” discipline?

- After all... “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,” – 1 Timothy 2:5

- And yet... “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” – James 5:16

The hurdle to corporate confession =

The benefits of corporate confession –
II. The Discipline of Worship

“Worship is the human response to the divine initiative.” – Foster

The object of our worship –

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ – Mark 12:30

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. – Romans 12:1

How is worship both an individual response and corporate discipline?

The individual’s responsibility -

III. The Discipline of Guidance

Guidance in today’s culture –

Understanding what corporate guidance is all about...

- Focus is still on the Holy Spirit guiding. However...
- The role of church leadership
- Personal responsibility in corporate guidance

IV. The Discipline of Celebration

Celebration throughout the Bible –

Celebration comes from a life of joy...and joy comes through obedience.

A carefree spirit of celebration/joy –

- Philippians 4:4-13

BI: We have a responsibility to actively participate in corporate disciplines to help other Christians grow in a deeper and more spiritual relationship with God.

When one person fails to individually prepare himself/herself to be participating in corporate disciplines in a righteous way, it hinders the growth of many, not just that person.
PHOTO DIRECTORY BUILD

Next Sunday, Aug 26, is your last chance to have your picture taken for the Directory coming out! New family members, kids have grown, or your photo is not in the last directory? Please come up to the front after worship and have a picture taken!

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Let us LOVE God & people by praying for: Jean Sorenson (back surgery recovery), Ron Bowman (prostate cancer treatment), Jim Smith (vision surgery appeal approval), and Betty Saunders (dementia) and those with ongoing health needs: Kim Smith (seizures), and Martha Miller  Please also pray for the staff, elders and leadership of our church.

LOOKING AHEAD

March 21-22 ...........Youth Overnight
April 2 ..............Awana Grand Prix
April 5 ..............Community Day
April 18 ..............Good Friday Service 7pm
April 20 ..............Easter Celebration and Breakfast
April 25 ..............Music Festival & Silent Auction

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Just LOOK UP and ask the LORD, what amount of His provision should you SIGN UP to GIVE UP?

Look up and pray about how you can help the Grace Church Living Water Team share the GOSPEL with a small village in Guatemala. Please also pray for the prompting of the Lord’s people who are to go on this trip, and especially for the financial provision for those called.

Sign up and take a step of faith if you are called to this mission trip.

Give up something during lent and then give what you saved to the Grace Church Missions Team. Or simply, give how you are prompted to give.

Spiritual training for holiness
Disciplines
CONNECT

Welcome to Grace! Thanks for joining us today. Feel free to bring your coffee into worship and make yourself comfortable. Take a deep breath, clear your head, and prepare your heart and mind to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grace Church is committed to living authentically in relationship with God and others. Together we strive to meet the needs here and around the world. To learn more, grab a booklet from the desk in the foyer.

If you would like us to follow up with you, feel free to fill out this form, tear it out and drop it at the Welcome desk in the foyer.

If you would like to serve at Grace, please contact Shane Hopkins for more details. You can also join the Awana ministry for church kids and the MOPS facebook page to get updates and reminders from these ministries as well.

COMMUNITY DAY, APRIL 5
From 9:00am to 1:00pm, and will include lunch. The focus will be on spring cleaning, good stewardship of the facility God has given us, neighborhood clean up and prayer for the community our church is in. Anyone can come help! Sign ups begin March 9th. LOVE God, People, and BUILD Community! You’ll not want to miss it!

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP
For anyone who would like to become a member of Grace Church or be baptized, please contact Pastor Ryan Faust or Janis Lemert, Community Life Director at the church office (206) 937-8400.

YOUTH OVERNIGHTER
The Overnighter for Jr. & Sr. High students and their friends is this weekend! The fun starts Friday March 21 at 7pm. Cost is $15 per person. We will be going roller skating, hanging out, watching movies, and playing games. Pick up is Sat March 22 at 8am.

YOUNG LIFE MEAL HELP
The kids from Denny Middle School meet here at our Shack on Fridays. 15 kids are coming and we are hoping for more! If you would like to help provide a home cooked meal for this ministry to the kids you can freeze it in advance, it can be picked up, or you can drop it off same day. No Pork, please. Please contact Shane Hopkins for more details at (206) 830-0485.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, MARCH 16
9:00 am Sunday Morning Classes for Nursery thru Senior High
10:30 am WORSHIP - sanctuary
1st-3rd grade dismissed
to Children’s Church
Kid’s bulletins available in the foyer.
6:30 pm Youth Small Groups - various

MONDAY, MARCH 17
Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm
9:30 am MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm
6:30 pm Awana
7:00 pm Youth Group - the shack

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm
8:00 pm College age Group - the Schlauds

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
Church Office closed
7:00 pm Youth Overnighter Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Church Office closed
7:30 am CR Men’s Step Study Group
8:00 am Youth Overnighter Ends
10:00 am GriefShare

GRACE CHURCH exists to LOVE God & people, PROCLAIM Christ,
BUILD community, EQUIP the saints,
MULTIPLY ministers, and missionally
SEND out followers of Christ to be the Church wherever we are.