THE Grace Awakening Facilitator's Guide

This document is a companion to <u>THE Grace Awakening 8-week Course Syllabus</u>, designed to help teachers facilitate both the "THE Grace Awakening Advanced Discipleship Course" as well as "Training for Reigning."

Training for Reigning Course Facilitator's Guide: A Companion to "The GraceAwakening" 8-Week Course Syllabus

Introduction to Facilitators

As facilitators of "THE Grace Awakening" or "Training for Reigning" courses, you are embarking on a sacred journey with your participants, guiding them through a transformative exploration of God's GRACE. This guide aims to empower you to lead with confidence, depth, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Your role is crucial in creating a safe, engaging, and spiritually enriching environment where participants can experience profound growth and substantial Spiritual Formation.

Week 1: The Absolute Goodness of God

Main Ideas:

- Understanding God's inherent GOODNESS.
- Differentiating between DIVINE and human conceptions of good.
- Experiencing God's GOODNESS as foundational to our faith and identity IN CHRIST.

Solutions:

- Encourage participants to reflect on and share personal experiences of God's goodness.
- Facilitate discussions that challenge and broaden participants' understanding of God's GOODNESS, and why it is important to know.
- Introduce daily practices that help participants encounter God's GOODNESS in daily life.

Takeaways:

- A deeper acknowledgment of God's GOODNESS as central to our relationship with Him.
- Renewed commitment to seek and recognize God's GOODNESS in all circumstances.
- Empowerment to embody and reflect God's GOODNESS in the world–TROPHIES OF HIS GOODNESS!

Week 2: Receive GRACE

Main Ideas:

- GRACE as the life-giving air of Heaven. Like AIR, Grace is our main source for life. Without God's Grace (air) we have nothing and can't possibly live–forever hopeless. We can do nothing apart from God, yet by Grace nothing is impossible.
- Overcoming barriers to receiving GRACE.
- Living in the fullness of GRACE ("The GRACE Space").

Solutions:

- Guide participants through prayerful meditations on GRACE.
- Discuss practical steps to dismantle legalism and performance-based faith.
- Create opportunities for participants to practice RECEIVING and GIVING GRACE in the community.

Takeaways:

- A profound sense of freedom and confidence in the sufficiency of GRACE.
- Strategies for cultivating a lifestyle that consistently receives and gives GRACE.
- Recognition of GRACE as the foundation of our identity and mission as FOLLOWERS and Apprentices of Jesus Christ.

Week 3: Right Believing

Main Ideas:

- Aligning our beliefs with BIBLICAL TRUTH.
- The significance of choosing to identify WITH AND IN CHRIST rather than Adam.
- Embracing and living out our righteousness IN CHRIST.

Solutions:

- Utilize Scripture study and COMMUNION with Holy Spirit reinforce RIGHT BELIEVING.
- Engage participants in role-play or scenarios that illustrate the choice between Adam and Christ.
- Share testimonies of transformation through RIGHT BELIEVING.

Takeaways:

- Clarity on the power of RIGHT BELIEVING in shaping our lives.
- Tools for daily choosing our identity IN CHRIST
- Encouragement to live boldly and confidently as the righteousness of God IN CHRIST

Week 4: Right Standing

Main Ideas:

- The concept of righteousness through faith working through HIS LOVE, not our efforts or works.
- Understanding our unshakeable position "IN VICTORY, IN CHRIST."
- Distinguishing between living under law versus living under GRACE.

Solutions:

- Guide discussions that help dismantle the misconception of EARNING God's favor.
- Use personal stories or Biblical characters to illustrate the freedom found in right standing (Simon to Peter, John to the Beloved, and Saul to Paul)
- Encourage reflective journaling on the implications of our position IN CHRIST in daily life.

Takeaways:

- A solidified identity IN CHRIST'S righteousness.
- An appreciation for the liberating truth of GRACE over law.
- Practical understanding of how to live out our righteousness in everyday contexts.

Week 5: Spiritual Formation

Main Ideas:

- Spiritual Formation as transformation into Christlikeness.
- The role of GRACE in spiritual growth and formation.
- Identifying and practicing spiritual disciplines that foster formation.

Solutions:

- Introduce a range of spiritual disciplines, allowing participants to explore and practice.
- Facilitate group sharing on the impact of specific disciplines on Spiritual Formation.
- Encourage accountability partnerships within the group for practicing disciplines.

Takeaways:

- Enhanced understanding of Spiritual Formation as a GRACE-filled journey.
- Personalized plan for incorporating spiritual disciplines into daily life.
- Recognition of the community's role in individual spiritual formation.

Week 6: The WITH-GOD Life

Main Ideas:

- Exploring the concept of UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP with God.
- Practical ways to live in CONSTANT AWARENESS of God's presence.
- The impact of the "WITH-GOD LIFE" on personal peace and purpose.

Solutions:

- Conduct meditative practices that cultivate awareness of God's presence.
- Discuss barriers to recognizing God's presence and strategies to overcome them.
- Share testimonies of how living the "WITH-GOD LIFE" has transformed personal perspectives.

Takeaways:

- A deepened sense of God's NEARNESS in all aspects of life.
- Practical tools for cultivating a lifestyle of awareness and UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP with God.
- Motivation to pursue the "WITH-GOD LIFE" as THE source of peace and direction.

Week 7: Humility, Confession, and Intercession

Main Ideas:

- The power of HUMILITY in the FOLLOWER'S life.
- The role of CONFESSION in maintaining fellowship with God and others.
- Understanding and practicing INTERCESSION as a form of loving service.

Solutions:

- Guide exercises that help participants experience the <u>FREEDOM</u> of HUMILITY and CONFESSION.
- Facilitate a GROUP INTERCESSION SESSION, praying for personal, communal, and global concerns.
- Encourage the practice of DAILY CONFESSION and INTERCESSION as a privilege and a spiritual discipline.

Takeaways:

- An appreciation for HUMILITY AS A STRENGTH, not weakness.
- A commitment to CONFESSION as a pathway to deeper community and spiritual health.
- An empowered understanding of INTERCESSION as a vital ministry of every disciple of Christ.

Week 8: Spiritual Disciplines

Main Ideas:

- Identifying and exploring various SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES that facilitate deeper communion with God.
- Understanding SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES as tools of love, not tasks.

• Encouraging the personal adoption of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES tailored to individual spiritual journeys.

Solutions:

- Offer a workshop or practical session on various SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES, allowing for experiential learning.
- Discuss the role of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES in overcoming spiritual dryness or stagnation.
- Provide resources or recommendations for further exploration of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES.

Takeaways:

- Personalized SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES practices that fit each participant's rhythm of life and spiritual needs.
- A renewed perspective on SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES as joyful means of GRACE, not legalistic obligations.
- Commitment to regular practice of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES as a means of growing closer to God and being transformed into His likeness.

Conclusion and Commissioning

As you conclude the 8-week journey of "The GRACE Awakening" and/or "Training for Reigning," let's get ready to CELEBRATE the transformation, growth, and deepening of FAITH IN CHRIST experienced by each participant.

Remember, your journey through "The GRACE Awakening" with your participants is as much about your SPIRITUAL FORMATION as it is about theirs. Approach each session with a posture of HUMILITY, openness to learn, and a deep trust in the transformative power of God's GRACE. You are not just imparting knowledge but facilitating an encounter with the LIVING GOD. May your time together be richly blessed and fruitful IN CHRIST.

This framework provides a starting point for developing YOUR PERSONAL detailed facilitator's guide. Each week's focus is designed to deepen YOUR understanding, encourage personal application FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, and foster a supportive community among EVERYONE. The guide should be a living document, adaptable to the Spirit's leading and the participants' growing edges.