

The Purpose of Grace Growth Groups:

Growth Groups help you take your next step with God by developing meaningful friendships built around God's Word. As we connect with one another and with God's Word, incredible things take place and we naturally grow. In community, this growth occurs through 4 primary activities:

We SHARE Life

Each week we'll take time to connect and share what is happening in our lives. This will become more natural as we begin to feel more comfortable with one another. Sharing life and accepting each other is essential to the healthy relationships needed for growth groups.

We STUDY God's Word

Each week we'll study the previous week's sermon text, though we will not rehash the sermon. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life. Accountability to God's Word is transformational and brings spiritual growth in our lives. We also take time to seek God in prayer for relevant needs and issues present in our group.

We SUPPORT Each Other

Each week we'll learn how to care for one another as Christ instructed us. People who know each other well, care for each other well. This care will take many forms, such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging, accountability, advice, and meeting real needs.

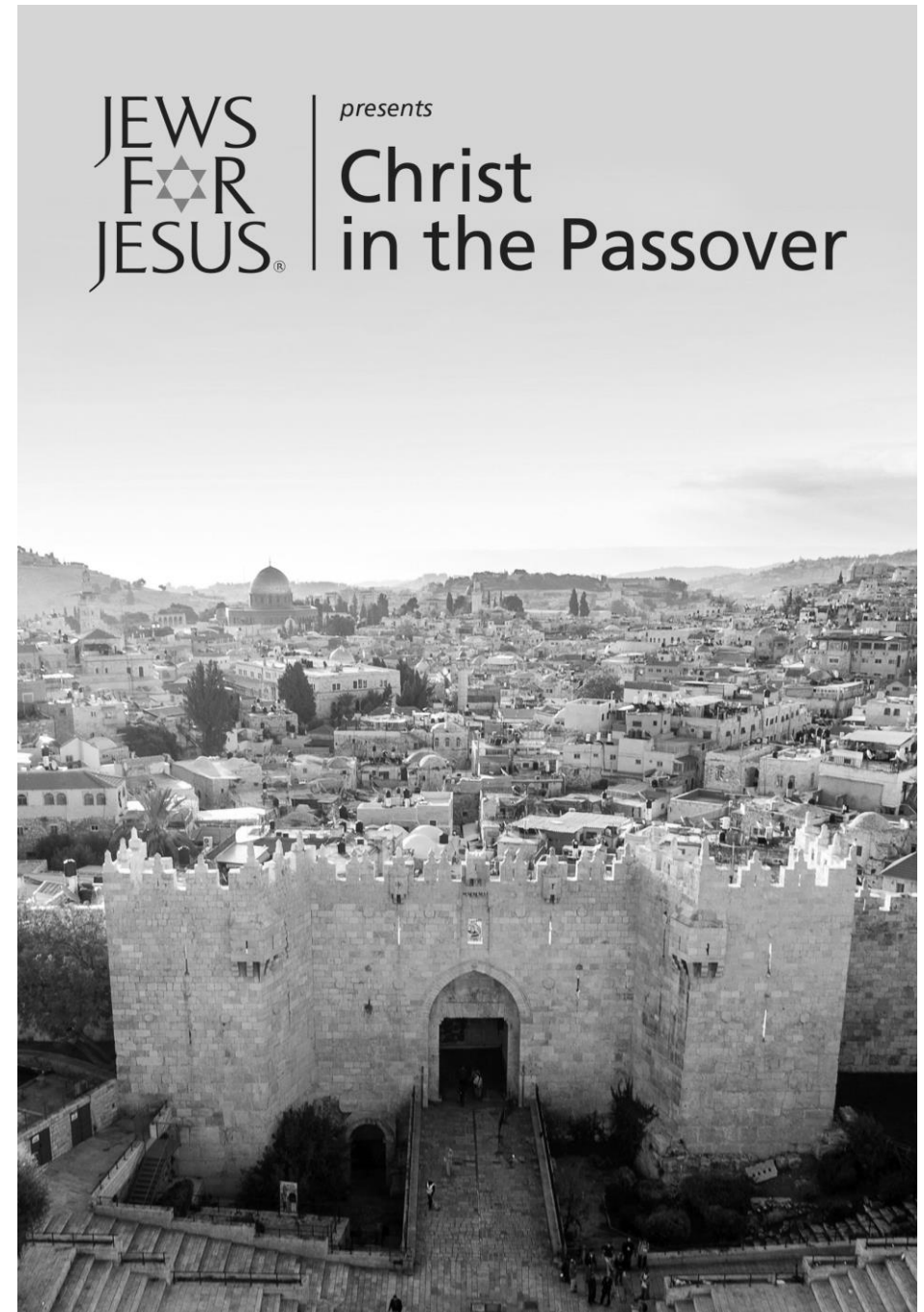
We SERVE Together

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. Jesus reminds us that the world will know we're his disciples by our love. The role each member fills in serving one another and the local community is essential; for we were created to serve others, not ourselves. Throughout the semester, we will serve the other members of our group and together the group will serve the local community through one service project.



MESSAGE SERIES:
Message #:
Sermon Text: Exodus

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Growth Group Guide

For the week of March 25th, 2018

Spring Growth Group Information:

- **Today begins the tenth week of our Spring Semester of Growth Groups.** Each semester lasts for 15 weeks. Sunday's mark the beginning of each new week.
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MY STORY:

1) If tonight were your last night on earth and you had to choose one last meal, what would it be? Don't forget to include appetizers and desserts!

2) Many significant moments in our lives involve or revolve around food or meals. What meal has become a tradition in your family?

DIGGING DEEPER:

1) What part(s) of the Seder Meal stood out to you? What part(s) of the meal was most noteworthy to you in symbolizing Christ?

2) In Exodus 12 we read the instructions God gave the Israelites regarding the Passover meal and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Each household was required to remove all leaven from their dwelling places before participating in the Passover meal. What does an "unleavened" life look like in today's culture and what kind of sacrifices does it take?

3) Please take time to read Jeremiah 31:31-34. How does this prophecy relate to the Passover meal and what Christ spoke of at the Last Supper? (Matt 26:26-30) How would the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy been significant to the first believers? Significant to today's followers of Christ?

TAKING IT HOME:

1) In Exodus 12:1-2 God radically changed the Israelite's calendar. How has Christ changed your "calendar" since coming into your life? As a Christian, or since becoming a Christian, how have your priorities changed when it comes to how you invest your time?

2) How do you view communion after watching the Seder meal?