

awakening grace

covenant friendship alternative

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Use these seven bold questions to cultivate deeper community and provoke covenant friendship in your group. Some groups may want to utilize this entire list every week, others may tackle one a week.

Warning: Use these questions wisely, with committed groups, due to the sensitive and blunt nature. These aren't icebreakers. This is not an exercise in small talk. Diving into these questions will require a commitment of trust and time.

1. How is your soul? (This question goes deeper than "how was your day?" or "how is work/school/the team?" or even "how are you doing?" By asking about the deepest part of our being, we aren't able to hide behind pleasant platitudes. We are forced to examine and give an answer.)

2. How have you experienced God's grace to you this week?

3. How have you stumbled, failed, and sinned?

4. What other trials, temptations, or burdens are weighing on you?

5. How was God's grace sufficient for you in that experience? How is he giving you grace to surrender everything to him?

6. Beyond the obvious moments of temptation, examine more closely your motives, thoughts, and attitudes toward others. Were they driven by holy love for God and others? Explain.

7. How can we best pray for you this week?