

GRIP 2020 FALL OVERVIEW



PURPOSE OF GRIP To provide a discipling culture where Christ-following men can invest in other Christ-following men, encouraging and challenging each other toward Gospel-based spiritual maturity and leadership effectiveness in the home, local church and marketplace. The goal is NOT just about individual spiritual maturity; it's about multiplying our life in others who will invest in yet others (2Tim 2:2).

EXPECTATIONS Each season of GRIP discipleship revolves around:

- 1) **Meeting with God** - regular unhurried time alone with God in His Word 5X / week (GRIP Guide)
- 2) **Brother to Brother** – meet with GRIP brother(s) between gatherings - encourage, challenge, pray
- 3) **Personal Retreat** – set aside ~4 hrs to listen to God with a view toward action points
- 4) **Action Points** – vigilantly pursue a few growth action points for this season
- 5) **Large Gatherings** - Participate in 6 Monday night gatherings. Be ready to share, learn, minister.

TIME/DATES 6 Mondays 6:45-9:00pm. (2020) 8/31, 9/14, 10/5, 10/26, 11/16, 12/7. Note: there are only two weeks between the first two gatherings. Then, the overall rhythm is every 3 weeks between gatherings. If you know you will miss 2 gatherings for sure, we suggest doing GRIP off-line.

On **Monday Aug 3, 6:45-8pm** via **Zoom** we'll offer a special Q&A time for guys considering taking a man through GRIP and for potential team shepherds.

LOCATION Crossroads Church 2723 Ashland Rd, Columbia, SC 29210 (near I-20 / I-26).

IN PERSON MEETING – We plan to meet in person for Monday night gatherings (large and small groups). We will practice social distancing. Masks optional. We will not serve meals or have tables.

FINANCIAL COST \$50 (GRIP Guide, Admin, bottled water, handouts, room set-up & cleaning, etc) We don't want finances to preclude any man. Our hope is to break even.

MATERIAL

- **The Bible** will be primary. Reading plan: **Philippians, 2Timothy, plus Relationship topics**
- **grip.focusedliving.com app** – The Action Points feature of this WebApp helps us think about, record and share action points to focus on this season.
- **GRIP Guide Fall 2020**- presents the flow, reading plan, journaling space, and special content.

MONTHLY GATHERING FORMAT On each of the Monday nights (6:45 - 9:00pm) we will...

- "Come to the Cross" – worship and prayer
- Share in Small groups (successes, failures, updates on action points, Bible application)
- Receive Equipping in areas specific to men – "Family Relationships" will be our prominent emphasis.

HOW TO ENROLL Enrollment opens **FRI, July 17**. Enrollment closes **WED, August 26 2020**.

Based on social distancing requirements, **we will limit GRIP enrollment to 70 men.**

1. Once you determine before the Lord that GRIP would be a useful set of tracks for a discipleship relationship with another man, then initiate with a particular man in your sphere of influence:
"Would you like to partner with me in this GRIP season of discipleship?"
2. Enroll online at **grip.focusedliving.com**. (This WebApp can be used on computer, tablet, or phone) During this process you will:
 - a. Explain why you want to be involved in GRIP
 - b. Provide the email address of your GRIP partner, your spouse, and a church leader. Automatic emails will be sent to these three indicating your desire to participate.
 - c. Electronically pay for the GRIP season

I purpose to allow God to fully grip my heart. I acknowledge that...

- *my growth is by God's grace and in the Spirit's power and not by my own strength (Col 2:19b; 1Cor 3:6).*
- *God's grace is not opposed to my effort in putting myself in a position to let God grow me (1Tim 4:15).*
- *Christianity is a team sport and I commit myself to my GRIP partner's spiritual success (Rom 1:12).*

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