

# **Freedom Groups Facilitator's Guide**

## **Guide for the "GRACE GIFTS" Study Guide**

### **I. Introductions/Ice Breaker: (15 minutes)**

Welcome everyone.

Ask how everyone's week was and allow a few minutes for sharing.

Then ask one, two or all of the WARM-UP questions on page one of the study guide.

### **II. The Study: GRACE GIFTS (30 minutes)**

Share with the group: "Last week we talked about our need to honor all people. There are many reasons that we should and could honor one another. We should honor people simply because they are fellow human beings made in the image of God; because they have hopes, dreams, passions and fears just like we do; because they have inherent worth; because they have accomplishments in their life; and, as we will see in this week's lesson, because they have potential within them to accomplish great things. They have gifts inside of them that can bless them, us and the whole world.

Instead of just honoring people for what they have accomplished, what would happen if we routinely honored people for what they have the potential to accomplish? Our honoring of their potential could unleash that potential. That is an idea that my parents blessed me with and now I have been able to bless my children with. My parents told me that I could accomplish anything that I set my mind to and worked hard at. They gave me the idea that I could be good at anything I wanted to do. Recently, our daughter told my wife and I that this was one of the greatest lessons we ever taught her. She says we told her and she believed that she could do anything she wanted to do if she believed she could and worked hard enough at it. It has made her very successful in her young career. Unfortunately many have not had the parents to instill this belief in them as I did. Truly this was a blessing from God in my life.

Just like my parents, you could be the blessing in someone else's life that unleashes their potential, as we will see in this week's lesson.

Facilitate your group's discussion by going through the study guide.

- Start with reading the WORD section
- do section 1, reading the Scripture and question
- do section 2, reading the Scripture and question
- do section 3, reading the Scripture and question

### **III. Application: (10 minutes)**

Go through the APPLICATION section of the study and discuss.

Let your group know that you will be asking them next week how they applied this lesson.

### **IV. The Challenge and Prayer (5 minutes)**

Lead your group in praying using the written PRAYER section as a guide.

Remind them of your next meeting time and place and then dismiss on time.