



## Week Five | Avengers: Endgame - Cancel Culture | 07.24-25.2021

**Grow Deep Conversation Questions:** Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

**Message Recap:** Somewhere along the way, we started to believe that balance was the goal of life, and if we could find balance, we would feel fulfilled and successful. Balance, however, is a myth, and we were made for more than that. Only by God's grace can we fully step into the better life available to us with Jesus, even though it may not always be easy.

- » **Opening** (2-3 minutes)
  - Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
  - Housekeeping - clarify expectations
    - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
    - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
  - Pray - open your time together in prayer
  
- » **Introduction** (12 minutes)
  - Ice-Breaker: What is something you canceled this past year?
  - Digging Deeper: What led you to that decision? Do you have any regrets?
  
- » **Observation |** Read Matthew 5:13-16, 38-39; 1 Peter 3:13-17; Galatians 6:2 (12 minutes)
  - What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?
  
- » **Key Principle | Balance is a lie; God's grace is why.** (10 minutes)
  - What are ways that you strive for 'balance' in life? How have they worked for you?
  
- » **Grace has Purpose |** Reread Matthew 5:13-16 (10 minutes)
  - What is the significance of the "salt" and "light" that Jesus is talking about? How can we be "salt" and "light" in our contexts?
  
- » **Grace has Passion |** Reread 1 Peter 3:13-17 (10 minutes)
  - What does it look like to pursue your passions instead of pursuing balance?
  
- » **Grace has Pain |** Reread Matthew 5:38-39 (10 minutes)
  - In what ways has God used someone's story of pain and suffering to help build your faith? How might He use your story?
  
- » **Grace has People |** Reread Galatians 6:2 (10 minutes)
  - How does grace disrupt your understanding of balance in your pursuit of loving God and others?
  
- » **Next Steps and Prayer |** (13 minutes)
  - Which passage and idea (purpose, passion, pain, or people) have you been avoiding in hopes that balance can get you "out of it?"
  - Close by praying for each other to process through the next step of embracing God's grace through your lives?