

Grace Group Ministry (New at Knox) - real grace for real wounds...



People who have been wounded ask a lot of questions: Why did this happen to me? Who is to blame? Where was God? What is going to happen to me now? Will I ever recover from this? How long will it take? Open Hearts Ministry has been on a rescue and recovery operation since their first groups formed in the late 1980's. In a Grace Group, we see significant recovery taking place and are filled with hope.

The purpose of a Grace Group is to bring restoration through truth and love. The truth cannot be sidestepped, it must be presented to victims in a way that allows them to acknowledge what has happened to them. It is also important that people who have been wounded see that, in the context of the love of Christ, they can become whole again as they deal with the issues and events which have numbed them to life.

"Building up one another in love" is a group process - group because people need others to confront and support them; process because healing takes time. The truth is: wounds happen in the context of relationship, therefore, in relationship trust is damaged. The aim of a Grace Group is to provide a safe place for healing to occur, in the context of relationship.

Our initial 12-week **Grace Group will begin Sept. 22nd** and will meet here at Knox on **Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 in Hess Hospitality**. The ministry is for men and women. Contact Siri Thar (sirithar@fastmail.fm) if you are interested in joining the next Grace Group or for more information. Additional information about the Open Hearts Ministry is available at www.ohmin.org. All discussions, whether in-person or by telephone, are held as strictly confidential information.

"I am acquainted with many ministries, but few are as innovative and as thoroughly biblical as Open Hearts Ministry. It will be eminently worth your time and effort to listen to tender, wise and courageous people talk about what it means to offer hope and strength to those who struggle with the wounds of living in a fallen world."

—*Dr. Dan Allender, internationally recognized speaker,
President of Mars Hill Graduate School,
author of many books including "The Wounded Heart" and "The Healing Path".*