

SEEING THROUGH GOD'S EYES

TOPIC: Grace, love, first day core group

Skit for August Class Leadership Training

CORE LEADER (CL) is driving into church parking lot in her "car"
(Core Members 1- 4 are abbreviated as "CM1, CM2, CM3, CM4)

**Love glasses – cheap "love" red heart shaped glasses can be bought through Oriental Trading Co. (www.orientaltrading.com) A harp sound effect is played every time the love glasses are put on throughout the skit (most cell phones have a harp ring tone).*

CL Wow, I can't believe it's time for a new year at CBS. I'm so excited about my group and about studying (*insert the book you will study this year*). I can't wait to get started!! (*She bows her head and prays before getting out of car*) "Lord, I know you have put this group together and I pray that we will grow and learn together this year in the light of **YOUR** love. Help me to be the best core leader that I can be, and to see every one of these ladies through your eyes. Amen."

*CL puts on her *"love glasses" (harp music sounds), gets out of car and enters her "room". Five chairs are set in semi-circle and three core members enter as CL is getting settled.*

CL Hello everyone, I'm so glad you're here and can't wait to see what God is going to do this year. First, we'll get some business taken care of and then introduce ourselves and start getting to know one another!

(CM1 walks in late, loud and boisterous, interrupting the CL)

CM1 OH, hey, I'm sooo sorry to be late. I was a little late leaving home. Good Morning America was SO good today, and THEN I had to stop and get my Starbuck's grande de-caf one-pump skinny vanilla latte, extra-hot, and I ran into my neighbor, who wanted to rant about the upcoming election. She went on and on about what is wrong with our country. (*Turning to the core member next to her she says*) "Do I have on too much perfume?" I have this new stuff and it smells divine, and sometimes I go a little overboard with it, so just let me know if it's a problem. So, anyway, here I am and better late than never, right girlfriends?

CM2 (*to CM1, in a disgusted tone*)

OK, three things – you may want to leave home a little earlier so you're not late every week, Starbuck's is not an absolute necessity, especially when you're running late, and politics and heavy perfume are just not done at CBS!

- CL** It's OK, really, today is our first day, so we're all going to be extra full of grace for each other and for ourselves! I'll be going over some basic CBS guidelines. *(To CM2)* You're a veteran of CBS and can be a huge help – I'm really glad to have you in my group – along with every one of you ladies!
- CM2** *(puts on her "love" glasses)*
Thanks, I'll be glad to help however I can. *(She turns to CM1)* Maybe we can meet for Starbucks on another morning, or go to lunch one day after Bible study.
- CM3** I'd love to be able to do that. But with the economy the way it is, Starbucks and lunches out are way in my rearview mirror. We're barely holding things together at my house, and I'm scared to death about what the future holds.
- CM1** *(puts on her "love" glasses)*
Oh, we can all relate to that! This economic situation has affected all of us one way or another. That's one reason I've come to CBS. I need to be reminded about the things that are important in life, and about WHO is control of every situation.
- CL** Great point. It's easy to get scared about things, isn't it? But we have to look at the big picture, and know that God IS in control, and take comfort from that.
- CM4** Well, speaking of control, I have a completely out-of-control teenager at home that's about to drive me crazy. She won't listen to me or my husband. She is ungrateful, disrespectful, rude and just totally obnoxious!
- CM3** *(puts on her "love" glasses)*
You know, my daughter went through the same thing. I remember thinking I'd completely lost her, she was so impossible. But she came around, thank God. We're closer than ever and she's doing really well. It would be my privilege to pray with you for her.
- CM4** *(puts on her "love" glasses)*
Thank you. You know, it helps to know other moms have been through this and understand what I'm going through. I love my daughter to pieces. I know we'll get through this, with God's help.
- CL** Well, I think we can already tell that God has put each and every one of us together this year. Ladies, welcome to your new core group!! Now, let's get started!

(Fade out of this scene...next scene the core leader is back in her car, driving home from CBS)

CL *(back in her car, the “love” glasses are off)*

Wow, we had a great first day. I think it’s going to be a great year ... HEY, watch it – what an idiot, that guy pulled right out in front of me ... *(bonks horn and yells out)* Hey, buddy, what’s the matter with you, you need glasses or something?

(She immediately stops, catching what she just said)

Oh, Lord, listen to me. I’m the one that needs glasses – where are my glasses?

(Pulls out her glasses and puts them on, harp sound plays.)

I really need to wear these glasses ALL the time.

(She starts singing a Christian song about eyes/vision/seeing as she drives along, such as “Open the Eyes of My Heart” or “Be Thou My Vision”)