



GraceGroup 201 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 23 – Week of March 23rd

- 1. Mingling and catching up. (10 minutes)
- 2. Begin with a short prayer for your time together. (5 minutes)
- 3. Move to a time of accountability. (20 minutes)

i. **Accountability Questions on your Stewardship of Time & Resources**

- How have you used your time and money for God’s glory this week?
- Did you waste time on distractions or worldly pursuits?
- How were you generous with your resources toward others?
- Are you managing your household resources faithfully?
- Have you trusted God with your finances rather than worrying?

ii. **Homework**

- Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 23?
- Did you read *Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*, PDF?
- Did you complete your *Spiritual Gifts Survey*?
- Did you read days 36-39 of *Everyday Gospel Bible*?
- Recite Psalm 33:6 – “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.”

Lesson Time (40-55 minutes)

Future Grace – Chapter 23

- i. On pages 288 and 289, John Piper gives some radical examples of people who lived out the phrase: “ministry is more important than life.”
 - a. What needs to change in your life in order to make this phrase a reality? What are things of which you need to repent that are keeping you from living out this reality?
- ii. On the top of page 293, Piper says regarding the apostles: “The power to witness with faithfulness and effectiveness did not come mainly from memories of grace, or reservoirs of knowledge; it came from the new arrivals of “great grace.” That’s the way it was for the apostles, and that’s the way it will be for us in our ministry of witnessing.” Piper is making the point that remembering God’s work in the past is not sufficient, we must put our faith in the future grace which he will bestow us as we trust in him.
 - a. What does it look like to walk in “future grace” in the ministry that God has given you? (in your work, in your family, in your neighborhood).



- iii. On the bottom of page 294, Piper says: “Prayer is the form of faith that connects us today with the grace that will make us adequate for tomorrow’s ministry.”
 - a. What are specific prayers that you can be praying for the ministry that God has given you? Is it prayer for boldness, for gentleness, for opportunities, for partnership?

Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts PDF & Spiritual Gifts Survey

- i. From *Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*. What are the two motivations for serving described in the article? Explain them.

Answer: 1. **Religious motivation:** People serve because they feel they “should.” God is seen like a boss who rewards good performance and punishes failure. This leads to **fatigue and eventually anger or bitterness** when the expected rewards do not come.

2. **Gospel motivation:** People serve “**in view of God’s mercy**” (Romans 12:1–2). Service flows from gratitude for God’s love and grace. This motivation produces **joy and willingness, not obligation**.
- ii. According to Romans 12:3 in the article, what two unhealthy attitudes should we avoid when thinking about our gifts?

Answer: Thinking too highly or too little of ourselves.
- iii. What part of your Spiritual Gifts Survey results surprised you the most? Why?
- iv. How have you already seen God use these gifts in your life?
- v. What specific ministry or service opportunity at Grace Church best matches your gifts?

NOTE: Our ministry teams are GROW (discipleship), SERVE (caring for those outside Grace Church), REACH (reaching our neighbors with the Gospel), BUILD (caring for those who call Grace Church home), WORSHIP (Sunday morning worship service prep and execution including music, service, and hospitality), CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (includes teaching Sunday School to the kids), YOUTH GROUP (volunteering with the youth group and youth events).

4. Prayer time (15 minutes) __ :15 - __ :30 __ :30 - __ :45
- i. Ask for specific prayer requests from members.
 - ii. Pray for one another as you wish (example, each person prays for the person on their left).
 - iii. Write down these prayer requests so you can follow up in the next meeting

HOMEWORK

Week of March 30th

- Read *Treasure Principle*, Chapters 1-2.
- Read *Everyday Gospel Bible*: Chapters 40-43
- Memorize Matthew 6:19-20 – “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”
- Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” at <http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders>

