



GraceGroup 201 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 24 – Week of March 30th

- 1. Mingling and catching up. (10 minutes) __:00 - __:10
- 2. Begin with a short prayer for your time together. (5 minutes) __:10 - __:15
- 3. Move to a time of accountability. (20 minutes) __:15 - __:35

i. **Accountability Questions on your Marriage, Singleness & Family Life**

- Married: Did you love and honor your spouse as Christ commands?
Single: How are you using your singleness to serve the Lord without distraction?
- Married/Parents: Did you pray with and disciple your children in God’s Word?
Single: Are you pursuing fellowship so you are not walking alone?
- Have you modeled repentance, forgiveness, and godliness in your household or community?
- Married or Single: Are you guarding against discontentment and trusting God’s timing?
(Discontentment is dissatisfaction with one’s circumstance which often comes when we compare our circumstances with others around us).

ii. **Homework**

- Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
- Did you complete *Treasure Principle*: Chapters 1-2?
- Did you read days 40-43 of *Everyday Gospel Bible*?
- 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.”

Lesson Time (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30

- i. How did these first two chapters encourage you? How did they challenge you?
- ii. Read Matthew 13:44, the parable of the hidden treasure. In what ways are you like this fortunate man? In what ways are you different?
- iii. Towards the bottom of page 2, Randy Alcorn says: *From the moment of his discovery, the traveler’s life changes. The treasure captures his imagination. It’s his reference point, his new center of gravity. The traveler takes every new step with this treasure in mind. He experiences a radical paradigm shift.*
 - a. Imagine valuing God’s kingdom the way this traveler valued his newly discovered treasure. What would your life be like?



- iv. On page 3, Alcorn says: *Why did Jesus put such an emphasis on money and possessions? Because there's a fundamental connection between our spiritual lives and how we think about and handle money. We may try to divorce our faith and finances, but God sees them as inseparable.*
 - a. How do the following passages show the connection between our spiritual lives and how we handle money and possessions?
 - i. Matthew 2:11
 - ii. Luke 3:8-14
 - iii. 2 Chronicles 29:31-33
- v. On the bottom of page 14, Alcorn says: *Many Christians think "treasures in heaven" won't be tangible because they imagine Heaven won't be tangible. But the future Heaven, on the New Earth, will not be an intangible state where we float about as disembodied spirits.*
 - a. How do these passages help to counter the argument that Heaven is not tangible.
 - i. Matthew 25:21,23
 - ii. John 14:2
 - iii. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - iv. Revelation 21:3 and 22:3
- vi. On pages 19-20, Alcorn points to 1 Timothy 6:18-19. How does Paul's instruction in these verses strengthen the premise that Jesus is indeed talking about tangible material generosity?
- vii. In light of these two chapters, how do you feel God is calling you to respond? How can we pray for your obedience in this area?

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

NO GRACEGROUPS THE WEEK OF APRIL 6TH – HAPPY EASTER!!

HOMEWORK

Week of April 13th

- i. Read *Treasure Principle*, Chapters 3-4.
- ii. Please be praying for those who are attending our Easter Service, that they would hear the gospel and surrender their lives to Jesus.
- iii. Read *Everyday Gospel Bible*: Chapters 44-50.
- iv. 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.”
- v. Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” at <http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders>

