



GraceGroup 301 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 48 – Week of April 27th

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 Hospitality & Service**

- How have you welcomed or served others practically this week?
- Were you willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of others?
- Did you avoid selfishness and seek others' good?
- How have you cared for those in need, lonely, or hurting?

ii. **Homework**

- Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
- Did you read chapter 3 of *God's Design for Man and Woman*?
- Recite Galatians 3:28 – "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

4. Lesson Time. (40-55 minutes)

- i. How were you encouraged, challenged or informed by this chapter's teaching?
- ii. How does this chapter show us a continuity in the pattern of male leadership from the Old Testament? **Answer: 1. Jesus was incarnated as a male, which is presented as consistent with the Old Testament pattern of male leadership (page 83). 2. His maleness is not random but fits within the broader biblical pattern from: Adam to patriarchs, to kings, to priests to the Messiah (page 92). 3. Jesus continues this pattern by Choosing twelve male apostles as the core leadership of his community (page 90).**
- iii. From page 92. In your own words, how would you answer the question asked by the authors: Did Jesus choose males only as apostles merely for pragmatic reasons?
- iv. From page 92. In your own words, how would you answer the argument that Jesus' contemporaries weren't ready for women in leadership, therefore Jesus "accommodated himself to the prevailing culture of the time?"

- v. From pages 103-104, how was Jesus' treatment of women radical for his time and culture in the following encounters:
 - a. With the Samaritan woman. **Answer: Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman was radical because Jews typically avoided Samaritans, especially women. Rabbis generally did not engage women in theological conversation. In his interaction with the Samaritan woman, Jesus initiates conversation with her, engages her in deep spiritual/theological discussion, and reveals himself as the Messiah to her.**
 - b. With Mary and Martha. **Answer: Jesus' interaction with Mary and Martha is radical because Mary sits at Jesus' feet—a position of a disciple learning from a rabbi, which was typically reserved for men. Jesus affirms Mary's choice, saying she has chosen the "better portion." This shows Jesus welcomed women as disciples, and encouraged their theological learning and participation.**
- vi. From pages 113-115. How is the gospel of Luke's treatment of women different from the other gospels? **Answer: It intentionally highlights women more than the other Gospels. It often presents paired accounts of men and women (balanced narratives). Women are shown as: faithful followers of Christ, financial supporters of his ministry, and witnesses to key events (including the resurrection).**
- vii. On the bottom of page 119, the authors note eight observations on Jesus's treatment of women, in Table 3.14. How were you encouraged, challenged or informed by these observations?

5. Prayer time (15 minutes)

- i. Ask for specific prayer requests from members.
- ii. Pray for one another as you wish.
- iii. Write down these prayer requests so you can follow up in the next meeting.

HOMEWORK

Week of May 4th, 2026

- Read *God's Design for Man and Woman*, Chapter 4. You can find it online: gracehamptons.org/gracegroup301.
- Memorize Proverbs 21:1 – “The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.”

** Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” at <http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders>