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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

## GraceGroup 101 Weekly Agenda

### Lesson 28 – Week of May 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Mingling and catching up. (10 minutes)

2. Reminder to be courteous, considerate, confessional and confidential.

3. Begin with a short prayer for your time together. (5 minutes)

4. Move to a time of accountability. (20 minutes)

#### i. Accountability Questions on Emotional & Mental Health

- Did you bring your anxieties, fears, or struggles before the Lord?
- How have you cultivated joy and gratitude in Christ this week?
- Did you allow anger, bitterness, or despair to control you?
- Have you sought help if you are struggling?
- How have you trusted God's sovereignty during trials and encouraged others with hope?

#### ii. Homework

- Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
- Did you read *Christian Worldview* – Chapters 1-2?
- Did you meditate on Westminster Shorter Catechism: Questions 87-89?
- Recite Hebrews 4:12 - "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

5. Lesson time. (40-55 minutes)

- i. How were you challenged, encouraged or surprised by chapter one?
- ii. On top of page 20, Philip Graham Ryken says: "Ideally, a worldview is a well-reasoned framework of beliefs and convictions that helps us see the big picture, giving a true and unified perspective on the meaning of human existence."
  - a) Why is it important to have a *Biblical* worldview?
- iii. On top of page 26, Ryken says that "for Christians, worldview is less individualistic and more communal. Because it is grounded in divine revelation, the Christian worldview has a fixed reference point in the mind of God, and thus it stands as something that connects all believers everywhere." How does this explanation of a communal worldview encourage you?
  - a) Do you have an example of the joy of this communal Christian worldview?



- iv. At the bottom of page 32, Ryken says: “Generally speaking, the reason the church fails to have a more positive, transforming influence on our culture is that we do not fully grasp the Bible-based, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered, God-glorifying perspective that belongs to us by grace - which is why we need to learn how to live the right worldview.”
    - a) How have you seen this to be true in the church?
    - b) How have you seen this to be true in your personal life?
  - v. How did chapter 2 encourage or challenge, edify or raise questions in your understanding of Christian worldview?
  - vi. On pages 33 and 34, Ryken gives us four stages of human history: Creation, The Fall, Grace, and Glory. He says, “These four stages of human history tell a complete and unified story that stretches back to before the very beginning and leans forward into eternity” (p. 34).
    - a) How do these stages help you understand our Christian worldview?
  - vii. On page 35, Ryken explains the different worldviews (deism, Marxists, and Buddhists). How is the Christian worldview different from the rest? *Answer, page 35: “What unifies the Christian worldview, by contrast, is not merely an idea, but the being and character of Almighty God.”*
  - viii. On pages 38-39, Ryken’s explains the Trinity in light of what makes our Christian worldview unique. How does his explanation of the Trinity help you better understand the uniqueness of the Christian worldview? *Answer, page 40: “The Christian worldview steadfastly maintains that God is the ‘ultimate reality whose trinitarian nature, personal character, moral excellence, wonderful works and sovereign rule constitute the objective reference point for all reality.’”*
- i. 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 May 11<sup>th</sup>

- i. Read *Christian Worldview* – Chapters 3-4. **Questions we will cover can be found online: [gracehamptons.org/gracegroup101](http://gracehamptons.org/gracegroup101)**
- ii. Meditate on Westminster Shorter Catechism: Questions 90-92
- iii. Memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”
- iv. Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” at [gracehamptons.org/ggleaders](http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders)

