



*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 301 Weekly Agenda

### Lesson 49 – Week of May 4<sup>th</sup>

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 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 this week?
    - Did you complete chapter 4 of *God’s Design for Man and Woman*?
    - 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?”
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 the pattern of male leadership, which was characteristic of the OT and was perpetuated in Jesus’ appointment of the twelve, continuing in the early church?  
**Answer from pages 122-123: The chapter argues that the Old Testament pattern of male leadership—continued by Jesus in appointing the Twelve—carries into the early church through the “Pauline circle” (male leadership core including Timothy, Titus, Luke, Barnabas, etc.). Also, leadership roles remain male...we see no example of female pastors or elders.**
  - iii. From page 134-136, how do we see similarities in the treatment of men and women?  
**Answer: Same sin, same consequences (Sapphira and her husband). Also, men and women were both persecuted (Acts 8:3, 9:2). And, couples hosting church meetings in their homes.**
  - iv. The authors go into a lot of detail regarding the role of women in the early church (pages 132-143). From their retelling, was there a particular woman whose role in the early church you found to be encouraging or challenging?

- v. From the top of page 142, what is the difference between Old Testament and New Testament prophets? **Answer: Old Testament prophets often held a more authoritative, covenantal role, spoke as official representatives of God and their word carried binding authority. While New Testament prophets function within the church community. Their role is Spirit-empowered speaking but not necessarily a formal governing office. In the NT, prophecy does not carry the same canonical authority.**
- vi. On the bottom of page 157, the authors say: “Interpreting narrative references to men and women is a dedicated task...For this reason it’s important methodologically to supplement one’s study of narrative passages with an investigation of passages that are explicitly designed to instruct believers in the churches on the subject at hand.” In other words, the study of the role of men and women must be done with Biblical passages that speak to such questions. But we often come to those passages with our own cultural understanding and expectations.
  - a. How have you seen your own cultural expectation and understanding of the role of men and women differ from what the Bible says?

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- Read *Chosen By God*, Chapters 1-2. You can find the questions we will cover online: [gracehamptons.org/gracegroup301](http://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>