



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 29 – Week of May 11<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 Accountability & Openness**
    - Have you concealed sin out of shame or pride?
    - Did you seek counsel from trusted brothers/sisters?
    - How have you received correction or encouragement?
    - Have you been praying for those in your group?
    - Did you encourage openness in others?
  - ii. **Homework**
    - Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
    - Did you read *Christian Worldview* – Chapters 3-4?
    - Did you meditate on Westminster Shorter Catechism: Questions 90-92?
    - 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.”
5. Lesson time. (40-55 minutes)  
  - i. How did chapter 3 inform, challenge, encourage or raise questions in your understanding of the creator/creature distinction?
  - ii. On 49, Ryken says that “At the same time that it teaches us who God is, creation also teaches us who we are. This is one of the fundamental questions any worldview has to answer: Who am I, and why am I here?”
    - a) How did this chapter help you answer that question?
  - iii. As Christians, when we think of humanity we tend to begin with the fact that we are broken and sinful human beings, but the Bible begins with the fact that we are ALL created in God’s image. On top of page 51, Ryken makes the point that God made us in his own image.
    - a) How does the reality of everyone being made in God’s image challenge and/or encourage you? Especially as you think of non-believers?



- iv. On page 52 (middle of the page), Ryken says “If God created everything good, then his people cannot restrict their faith to private religion but must pursue his purposes in every sphere of life, whether public or private. Christianity is a world-affirming worldview that embraces the entire creation as a gift of God.”
  - a) There are many Christians who differentiate the secular and sacred, how does this truth – that Christianity is a world-affirming worldview that embraces the entire creation as a gift of God” challenge that mentality?
- v. How did chapter 4 inform, challenge, encourage or raise questions in your understanding of the fall?
- vi. On pages 61-62, Ryken writes of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as being a test. He says on page 62: “So Adam had to choose whether to live for God or for himself. In making this choice he was – as the Puritans sometimes put it – “able to stand, but free to fail.”
  - a) How did this explanation help your understanding of what happened in the garden?
- vii. On page 63, Ryken explains how we are entangled in Adam’s sin: “And because of our solidarity with Adam as our covenant representative, the juice of his first sin ran down our chins as well...According to the doctrine of original sin, the entire human race was condemned in Adam and has received from him a sinful nature.”
  - a) How does Ryken’s explanation help your understanding of “original sin’ – that we are all born sinful? How does it challenge you?
- viii. In regards to all the different worldviews, Ryken says on top of page 71: “But Christianity explains the misery and apparent meaningless of our existence better than anything else. The reason we do all the wrong things we do is that we do not have a right relationship with God.”
  - a) How does his explanation help you understand evil and brokenness in our world
- i. Prayer time (15 minutes)  
  - 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 GRACEGROUP THE WEEK OF MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>!

### HOMEWORK

#### Week of May 25<sup>th</sup>

- i. Read *Christian Worldview* – Chapters 5-6. **Questions we will cover can be found online: [gracehamptons.org/gracegroup101](http://gracehamptons.org/gracegroup101)**
- ii. **ALSO, *Growing in Discipleship*, Chapter 1**
- iii. Meditate on Westminster Shorter Catechism: Questions 93-95
- iv. 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.”
- v. **Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” at [gracehamptons.org/ggleaders](http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders)**

