



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

Post Grad Group Agenda

Lesson 1 – Week of September 28th

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 Summer Time**
 - ☐ Have you had a consistent devotional time these last two months?
 - ☐ Have you had a consistent prayer life these last two months?
 - ☐ How have you served in the body these last two months?
 - ☐ With whom did you share the gospel these last two months? Or more closer to being able to hear the gospel?
 - ☐ How did you see God at work in your sanctification these last two months?
4. Expectation. (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30
 - i. **Syllabus.** This year's syllabus is a bit different than last year's. We'll be going through Ephesians verse-by-verse together, paired week by week with J. Todd Billings' *Union with Christ*. Each week you'll have two things to prepare: a short passage of Ephesians (or another key passage tied to that week's reading) and a chapter or section of Billings, and we'll discuss both together when we meet. As graduates of the GraceGroup curriculum, you're already equipped to study on your own so this year we're using that ability to go deeper into one sustained theological theme - union with Christ.
 - ii. **Inductive Bible Study.** Our Bible study questions will follow what's called the inductive method: Observation, Interpretation, and Application, in that order. Instead of jumping straight to "what does this passage mean for me," we start by slowing down and asking what the text *actually* says (Observation), then work out what it means in its *own context* and *in light of the rest of Scripture* (Interpretation), and only then ask *how it should change* the way we live, pray, and relate to others (Application). The goal is to let **the text itself set the agenda rather than reading our own assumptions** into it. So, don't be surprised if some weeks' Observation and Interpretation questions feel slower or more detailed than you're used to; that's by design, and it's a skill worth building as you go on to lead others through Scripture yourselves.
 - iii. **Commentary.** You also received a commentary on the book of Ephesians by John Stott. This is to guide your Bible study every week. Some weeks, we will not be studying the book of Ephesians,

your ESV Study Bible provides wonderful insight into the passages you are studying. If you would like options for other commentaries or Bible study tools, reach out to Adriana.

- iv. **Facilitating.** Just like last year, everyone will facilitate as they are able. In your own groups you can decide who is facilitating each week. The facilitator can use the *Group Facilitator Preparation Guide* found online to help you prepare. For the first few months you will also fill out the *Post Grad Group Facilitator Evaluation* after facilitating your group.
- v. **Devotional.** The Bible study portion of your curriculum should be a wonderful devotional! If you would like another devotional to go along with it, check out some options on our website: gracehamptons.org/devotionals.
- vi. **Prayer.** You will probably find that your Post Grad Group takes a bit less time than your GraceGroup which will allow your group to pray together every week. Do your best to give time for this in your groups.

5. Prayer time (15 minutes)

:15 - :30

:30 - :45

- 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 October 5th

- ☐ *Union with Christ*, Introduction
- ☐ Inductive study on Ephesians 1:1-14
- ☐ The questions we will cover can be **found on online:** <http://gracehamptons.org/postgrad>

****** Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” and the “Post Grad Group Facilitator Evaluation” at <http://gracehamptons.org/postgrad>