



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 401 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 5 – Week of October 26th

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 your Fellowship With Believers**
 - ☐ How have you intentionally encouraged or served someone in the church family this week?
 - ☐ Have you confessed struggles or sought accountability with a brother/sister?
 - ☐ Did you rejoice with those who rejoice and bear the burdens of those who suffer?
 - ☐ Have you sought reconciliation or avoided relational division?
 - ii. **Homework**
 - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
 - ☐ Did you complete chapter 4 of *Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands*?
 - ☐ Recite Luke 6:45 – “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”
4. Lesson. (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30
 - i. How did this chapters challenge and/or encourage your understanding of our hearts as the target in personal ministry?
 - ii. From pages 57-58, what is the goal of effective personal ministry?
“Effective personal ministry takes the Kingdom promise of lasting change to the place where it is needed – the heart.” (Page 58)
 - iii. From pages 59-60, what is the Biblical meaning of the “heart”?
“The Bible uses “heart” to describe the inner person....The heart is the ‘real’ you.” (Page 59)
 - iv. Read Luke 6:43-45. According to this passage, what is the root cause of our problem?
The “root” which is our hearts.
 - a) Read Matthew 23:25-26. What does this passage teach us about the heart and behavior change?
“Start with your heart and right behavior will follow.” (Page 62)



- v. On page 63, Tripp gives the example of stapling good fruit to a bad tree. He goes on to say that "...in personal ministry, much of what we do to produce growth and change in ourselves and others is little more than 'fruit stapling.' It attempts to exchange apples for apples without examining the heart, the root behind the behavior." How have you seen this in your life and in the life of those to whom you minister?
 - vi. Read Romans 1:21-25. Explain the "great exchange" in your own words.
"We all migrate away from worship and service of the Creator toward worship and service of the created thing." (page 66)
 - vii. On page 69, Tripp says: "If we fail to examine the heart and the areas where it needs to change, our ministry efforts will only result in people who are more committed and successful idolaters. Did you take a moment and ask God to examine your heart and reveal any hidden idols of which you must repent? Would you like to share any with our Group?"
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 November 2nd

- ☐ Read *Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands* Chapter 5. You can find the questions online: gracehamptons.org/gracegroup401
- ☐ Memorize Galatians 5:13 – "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

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

