GRACE groups

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 6 – Week of November 2nd

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 Evangelism & Witness**
   - ☐ Have you prayed for the salvation of unbelievers by name this week?
   - ☐ Did you have any opportunities to share the gospel, and how did you respond?
   - ☐ Has your conduct reflected Christ to unbelievers around you? Explain.
   - ☐ Have you invited anyone to a REACH event, to church or Bible study?
   - ☐ Did you answer spiritual questions with humility and clarity?

   ii. **Homework**
   - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
   - ☐ Did you complete chapter 5 of *Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands*?
   - ☐ 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."

4. Lesson. (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30

   i. How did this chapter inform your understanding of the battle being waged for your heart?

   ii. Write down a conflict you encountered in the last couple of weeks where you found yourself blaming something or someone outside of yourself.

   iii. Read James 4:1-10. According to this passage, where does our anger begin?
   The heart. Also, "Notice further, that James' focus is not just on the heart, but on the *desires* of the heart." (Page 78)

   iv. On page 80, Tripp says "Our desire to set up our own kingdom is in direct conflict with the King who has come to rule in our hearts." According to Tripp, how does this war in our hearts affect our day to day decisions?
   Examples on page 80: "Who will rule that tense situation at work – your desire for a raise, or God's glory? Will God rule that conversation with your child, or your desire for peace and quiet? Will God rule your relationship with your father, or your desire for vengeance for years of mistreatment?"

v. On the bottom of page 80, Tripp says: "The focus of James' discussion [James 4:1-10] is not evil desires (desires for the wrong thing), but inordinate desires (desires that may be right in and of themselves, but must never rule my heart)." He goes on to give the example of his desire for a Cuban dinner and a relaxing night with his family which wrongly ruled him. Write down an example from your own life of when a desire became an inordinate desire (a desire that wasn't necessarily bad but ruled your heart).

vi. On page 82, Tripp says: "Human conflict is rooted in spiritual adultery." Do you agree or disagree with him? Explain.
Page 82: "If adultery is the sin of giving someone the love I have promised another, then I am a spiritual adulterer whenever I give the rule of my heart to someone or something other than God."

vii. Read Titus 2:11-15. From this passage, how do we win this battle for control?
By God's grace. Page 85 "[God's] Jealous grace…reminds us that we can win the one war that *must* be won, the war for the heart. His jealousy for our hearts is not a threat, but our one true hope."

viii. On pages 86-88, Tripp shows how desires can lead to needs (expectations) which can lead to disappointment and finally punishment. What solution does James give us when we find ourselves in this situation?
Page 89: "Problems in relationships are rooted in problems in worship, so James's advice is clear: 'Start with God.'"

ix. On pages 92-93, Tripp reminds of that while there is a war waging for our hearts, there are two realities we must hold onto. "The first is the reality of the person and work of the *indwelling Holy Spirit."* And the "second theme is the reality of our *union with Christ.*" How do these realities encourage you as you ponder the war going on for your heart?

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 9th

- ☐ Read *Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands* Chapter 6. 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