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 8 – Week of November 16th

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 Stewardship of Time and Resources**
   - ☐ How have you used your time and money for God's glory this week?
   - ☐ Did you waste time on distractions or worldly pursuits?
   - ☐ How were you generous with your resources toward others?
   - ☐ Are you managing your household resources faithfully?
   - ☐ Have you trusted God with your finances rather than worrying?

   ii. **Homework**
   - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
   - ☐ Did you complete chapter 7 of *Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands*?
   - ☐ Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 – "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."

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

   i. How did this chapter challenge, encourage or inform your understanding of loving people?

   ii. On pages 115-116, Tripp gives an example of a seminary student who viewed people as projects to get past in order to get to "real ministry." Write down your own example of how you have treated people as getting in the way of your plans, rather than being the focus of it.

   iii. From page 117. What happens when we have theology but not love? Explain.
   "Without love, our theology is a boat without oars."

   iv. On the bottom of page 119, Tripp writes: "We have been loved by Christ and called to incarnate that self-sacrificing love wherever he places us. Do people sense that love in you?" How would you answer this question?

   v. On page 120, Tripp says: "Effective personal ministry begins when we confess that we have taken relationships that belong to God and used them for our own selfish purposes." Did you ask God to reveal how you have done this in your relationships then take the time to repent?
   Anything you'd like to share?

vi. From pages 121-122. In your own words, explain the difference between justification, adoption and sanctification.

a) From pages 123-124. Explain the difference between the "horizontal model" and the "redemptive" model of relationships.
In the horizontal mode, we "stand opposed to each other as enemies with competing agendas…" In the redemptive model, we "stand on the same side" wanting "God's will to be done…" (page 124)

vii. From pages 126-128. Explain what Tripp means by "Entry Gates."
"The entry gate…is the struggle the person confesses." (page 127).

a) From page 131. Why is it so important to "incarnate God's 'I will be with you' promises"?
"we address a theological lie…that God is absent in trouble. We offer people a living, loving presence that puts real flesh and blood on the presence of the Lord. We also do battle with the Enemy, who whispers in the ear of the believer, 'Where is your God now?" (page 131).

viii. From pages 134-135. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What does it mean to incarnate the love of Christ in ministry?
"We are called to have Scripture so deeply engrained in our lives that we are wise and thankful, and thus always ready to teach and admonish (confront) one another." (Page 135).

a) Which of the four reasons to incarnate Christ from pages 136-139 did you find most helpful?

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.

NO GRACEGROUP THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HOMEWORK

Week of November 30th

- ☐ Read *Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands* Chapter 8. You can find the questions online: gracehamptons.org/gracegroup401
- ☐ Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 – "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."

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