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 201 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 9 – Week of November 30th

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 Marriage, Singleness & Family Life**
   - ☐ Married: Did you love and honor your spouse as Christ commands?
     Single: How are you using your singleness to serve the Lord without distraction?
   - ☐ Married/Parents: Did you pray with and disciple your children in God's Word?
     Single: Are you pursuing fellowship so you are not walking alone?
   - ☐ Married or Single: Have you modeled repentance, forgiveness, and godliness in your household or community?
   - ☐ Married or Single: Are you guarding against discontentment and trusting God's timing? (*Discontentment is dissatisfaction with one's circumstance which often comes when we compare our circumstances with others around us*).

   ii. **Homework**
   - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
   - ☐ Did you complete *Gospel Identity* – chapter 8?
   - ☐ Did you read *Essential Truths* – chapters 12-13?
   - ☐ Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9 – "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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

   i. Answer question 1: Which of these (from the list on pages 74-75) best represents the way you "get righteous" on others? How do *you* say it when it happens?

   ii. Read Luke 11:37-54 and answer questions 2-3:
      a. QUESTION 2: What specific acts of self-righteousness does Jesus accuse the religious leaders of, and why are they wrong?
      b. QUESTION 3:What acts does Jesus tell them to do instead? Why those in particular?

iii. Read Romans 1:18-21 and answer question 4: What does this section of Romans tell us about the origins of our self-righteousness?

iv. Read Romans 1:28-31 and answer question 5: How does self-deceit lead to the most outward sins described in verses 28-31?

v. Read ***in this order*** John 12:3-8, Luke 22:3-6, and Matt. 27:1-5, then answer question 6:
LEADER: *The answer in the back of the book (pages 120-121) has great insight.*
   a. QUESTION 6: How does Judas slide into a state of self-pity and despair over the course of these three passages? What was at the core of this downward slide?

vi. Answer question 8: What are we saying to Jesus when we engage in *any* of the self-centered behaviors we've discussed (look at figure 8.1)?

vii. Answer question 10: What's one practical way you can put off your old self so you can be made new in Christ?

Essential Truths of the Christian Faith

i. **Chapter 12**: Sproul says there is an important and very distinct difference between the Creator and the creation. He goes on to make the case that it is impossible for something to create itself, therefore God "has, within Himself, the power of being. He requires no assistance from outside sources to continue to exist" (page 58).
   a. Why is this truth important to understand? How does it lead you to worship God more fully?

ii. **Chapter 13**: This chapter is on the omnipotence of God. Sproul defines omnipotence as God holding all power over his creation.
   a. How is this definition helpful in your understanding of God's otherness?

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 (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.

HOMEWORK

Week of December 7th

- ☐ *Gospel Identity:* Chapter 9
- ☐ You will recite Ephesians 2:8-9 – "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

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