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 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 last week?
   - ☐ Did you complete chapter 8 of *Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands*?
   - ☐ Recite 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 you and your understanding of identifying with others in their suffering?

   ii. On pages 143-144, Tripp lists five Biblical truths about suffering. Which do you find the hardest to believe when you are suffering? How can your GraceGroup pray for you as you wrestle with these Biblical truths about suffering?

   iii. From page 145. Tripp says: "We must not forget that we serve a Suffering Savior." How does this truth give you comfort in your suffering?
   From pages 145-146: "We do not seek help from someone who cannot understand our experience. Jesus is compassionate and understanding. He can help us because he is like us. He went through

what we are going through now period he knows us and our experiences, because we are in the same family, the family of those who have suffered."

a) How does it encourage you as you come along others who are suffering?
From page 146: "[Our service] flows out of a humble recognition that we share an identity with those we serve. God has not completed his work in me, either. We are brothers and sisters in the middle of God's lifelong process of change."

iv. On the bottom of page 147, Tripp quotes Hebrews 2:10 and asks the question: "How did suffering make Christ perfect?" How would you answer this question in your own words?
From page 148: "Not only by being the perfect Son of God, but by proving himself to be the perfect Son of Man. His perfection successfully endured the test of suffering."

v. Tripp goes on to say that we too, are being made perfect through the process of suffering. On pages 148-150, Tripp gives us six ways in which suffering helps us as we minister to others. Which most resonates with you and why?

vi. On pages 151-155, Tripp gives us a biblical paradigm (from 2 Corinthians 1:3-11) of both suffering and comfort. Briefly explain each in your own words:
a) God is the source of true compassion
b) The comfort we have received from the Lord has ministry in view
c) God wants us to share in Christ's suffering
d) Even our suffering does not belong to us, but to the Lord
e) The redemptive purpose in all of this is hope in a fallen world

vii. From the bottom of page 154: Answer Tripp's questions: Where has God called me to suffer?...How can I use my experience to comfort others? How can I tell my story in a way that gives hope, rooted in the reality of Christ's presence and love?

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 December 7th

- ☐ Read *Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands* Chapter 9. You can find the questions online: gracehamptons.org/gracegroup401
- ☐ Memorize Matthew 22:37-39 – " And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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