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 10 – Week of December 7th

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 Work & Vocation**
      - ☐ Did you work diligently and with integrity as unto the Lord?
      - ☐ Were you content and thankful for your work circumstances?
      - ☐ How have you sought to balance work and rest wisely?
      - ☐ Did you let work become an idol?
      - ☐ How did you seek to serve others and glorify God in your vocation?

   ii. **Homework**
      - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
      - ☐ Did you complete chapter 9 of *Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands*?
      - ☐ 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."
4. Lesson. (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30
   i. How were you challenged by the author's point that we tend to keep our relationships in the casual instead of moving into a deeper intimacy?

   ii. From page 166. Tripp says that "sympathy here means to be *moved by what has moved someone else."* He goes on to say "It is understanding what it is like to live in the middle of someone else's circumstances, coupled with a desire to do whatever is within your power to help him out." Can you think of giving or receiving sympathy in this way in your life?

   iii. From pages 168-170. Tripp says: "There are two main reasons why we assume too much. One is theological and the other is experiential." How would explain these two reasons in your own words?
   From page 169: [Theological] "…you cannot know me only by knowing what Scripture says about me. You will know wonderful helpful things about me as a human being, but you will not know how these truths are uniquely manifested in my life *without asking.*"
   From page 170: [Experience] "We speak the same language, share many of the same experiences, live in the same community, and often attend the same church, so it is easy to assume that we know more about each other than we really do."

iv. On pages 170-171, Tripp encourages us to "make a habit of doing three things" in our temptation to assume: 1. Always ask people to define their terms (What?), 2. Always ask people to clarify what they mean with concrete, real life examples of the terms they have used (How?) and 3. Always ask people to explain why they responded as they did in the examples they have give you (Why?). Which of these habits do you find yourself already doing? Which do you think you need to do more as you minister to others? ?

v. On pages 172-174, Tripp makes the point that asking good questions is a vital part of incarnational personal ministry. He gives examples on page 173, such as how asking good question may lead someone "to see how Scripture explains your life" and how this incarnates the Messiah "who came to teach as people had never been taught before." What are other examples of how asking good questions leads to incarnating the love of Jesus?

vi. On pages 174—180, Tripp gives four principles to keep in mind when asking good questions. What challenged and encouraged you as you read these?
   a) Always ask open-ended questions that cannot be answered with a 'yes' or 'no.'
   b) Ask a combination of survey and focused questions.
   c) Remember that certain kinds of questions reveal certain kinds of information.
   d) Ask a progressive line of questions.

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 14th

- ☐ Read *Instrument's in the Redeemer's Hands,* Chapter 10. You can find the questions online: gracehamptons.org/gracegroup401
- ☐ *Essential Truths*, Chapters 86-88
- ☐ 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."

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