



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

Post Grad Group Agenda

Lesson 3 – Week of October 6th

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 Scripture Reading & Meditation**
 - ☐ How faithfully have you read and meditated on God's Word this week?
 - ☐ What passage stood out, and how did you apply it to your life?
 - ☐ Did you memorize or share Scripture with someone else?
 - ☐ Has God's Word shaped your decisions or perspective this week?
 - ii. **Homework**
 - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
 - ☐ Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 2?
4. Lesson Time. (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30
 - i. Is there anything that stood out to you from this chapter? Any questions, observations, or encouragements?
 - ii. At the start of the chapter, Piper affirms the centrality of gratitude in the Christian life. Why does he immediately caution that gratitude is not the main biblical motive for obedience?
Answer: From pages 35-36. Piper observes that while gratitude is indispensable, the Bible rarely motivates obedience with gratitude but consistently calls believers to live by faith in God's promises of future grace.
 - iii. From pages 40-41. What is the fundamental difference Piper draws between gratitude and faith?
Answer: Gratitude looks back and is ordinarily past-oriented, while faith looks forward and is profoundly future-oriented, resting on God's ongoing promises.
 - iv. From pages 46-47. How does Piper portray the healthy relationship between gratitude and faith?
Answer: He dramatizes a dialogue: gratitude reminds faith of God's past faithfulness, and faith assures gratitude of God's future provision. Together, they sustain joyful reliance on God.

- v. How did you answer the following question: Reflect on a recent act of obedience: was it more driven by joy in future promises or by guilt-based gratitude?
- vi. How does an overemphasis on “paying God back” with your thankfulness rob you of present joy?
- vii. What new rhythms can help you shift from transactional gratitude to trusting expectation?
- viii. In your group’s prayer time, ask the Lord to purify your gratitude, making it a launching pad for faith rather than a weight of obligation. Thank Him for His gifts—and pray for strength to receive tomorrow’s mercies with fresh joy and dependence.

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 October 13th

- ☐ Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 3 and answer the questions, which can be **found online**.
- ☐ Decide who will be facilitating next week. The agenda can be **found online**.

** Make sure you fill out the “Weekly Feedback Form” and the “Post Grad Group Facilitator Evaluation” at <http://gracehamptons.org/postgrad>