

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 6 - Week of October 27th

- 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 Evangelism & Witness
 - ☐ Have you prayed for the salvation of unbelievers by name this week?
 - ☐ Did you have any opportunities to share the gospel, and how did you respond?
 - ☐ Has your conduct reflected Christ to unbelievers around you? Explain.
 - ☐ Have you invited anyone to a REACH event, to church or Bible study?
 - ☐ Did you answer spiritual questions with humility and clarity?
 - ii. Homework
 - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
 - ☐ Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 5?
- 4. Lesson Time. (40-55 minutes)

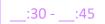
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- i. From pages 74-75, How does Piper explain that grace existed even before the Fall?

 Answer: Adam and Eve lived every moment on unmerited favor—God's daily fatherly care and provision. Their disobedience was a failure of faith in His *future* grace, not merely the breaking of a rule.
- ii. On page 76, Piper says that "grace toward sinners is the freest of all God's acts." What does he mean by this, and why does it matter? Answer: "Grace...contemplates the ugliness of sin, and, contrary to all expectations, acts beneficently. This looks more free. Pain seems to constrain mercy, but guilt does not seem to constrain grace. Grace looks more free." It is not God holding back (like mercy) but rather God freely giving.
- iii. From pages 77-78. How does Exodus 33:19 reveal the divine freedom of grace?

 Answer: When God told Moses, "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious," He identified His very glory with the liberty to bestow grace apart from any influence outside Himself. This freedom, Piper says, "is the essence of what it means to be God" (page 78).

- From page 80. What theological truth does Piper draw from Romans 11:5-6 to support the iv. unconditional nature of grace?
 - Answer: "The elect are elect because of free and unconditional grace and not because of anything in themselves."
- Are there areas in your life where you subtly believe you've earned God's favor—through ٧. obedience, suffering, or performance?
- vi. How does understanding grace as truly free transform your motivation for prayer, service, or worship?
- What steps can you take to cultivate humility and wonder before the sheer freeness of God's vii. grace?
- In your group's prayer time, thank God for grace that is utterly free and undeserved. Ask Him to viii. remove any lingering pride or performance mindset, and to anchor your identity in His mercy alone. Rejoice that you cannot buy what He delights to give.
- 5. Prayer time (15 minutes) | __:15 __:30



- Ask for specific prayer requests from members. i.
- 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 November 3rd

- ☐ Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 6 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