



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 11 – Week of December 8th

1. Mingling and catching up. (10 minutes)

2. Begin with a short prayer for your time together. (5 minutes)

3. Move to a time of accountability. (20 minutes)

i. **Accountability Questions on your Obedience and Sanctification**

- ☐ In what ways have you obeyed or disobeyed God's Word this week?
- ☐ Did you show love to God and neighbor in tangible ways?
- ☐ Are you growing in the fruit of the Spirit (patience, gentleness, self-control, etc.)?
- ☐ In what areas do you need to grow in holiness?
- ☐ Did you rely on the Spirit's strength or your own efforts?

ii. **Homework**

- ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
- ☐ Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 10?

4. Lesson Time. (40-55 minutes)

- i. Is there anything that stood out to you from this chapter? Any questions, observations, or encouragements?
- ii. From pages 127-129, How does Piper define shame at the beginning of the chapter, and why does he reject the modern psychological definition?
Answer: Shame is "a painful emotion caused by a consciousness of guilt or shortcoming or impropriety," (p. 127) especially when others know about it. Piper rejects the modern therapeutic definition (shame about oneself as a person) because it isn't biblical and often minimizes sin, rejects moral absolutes, and removes God's standards of "should," "ought," and "must."
- iii. From pages 130-133. What biblical examples does Piper offer to help us distinguish between good and bad shame?
*Answer: The deepest foundation is God's **foreknowledge**—not foresight of human faith, but God's eternal, gracious choice to set His saving love on particular people. This sovereign, electing love guarantees predestination, calling, justification, and glorification—and therefore guarantees Romans 8:28.*

- iv. From pages 135-136. How does faith in future grace free believers from the burden of *misplaced* shame that others try to put on them?

Answer: Jesus and Paul were repeatedly shamed unjustly, yet God promised, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” (Rom 10:11).

Thus every attempt to load believers with false shame will ultimately fail. The final verdict of God—not the accusations of others—will stand, guaranteeing vindication and freeing believers from paralyzing shame.

- v. Do you carry shame for things that God does not condemn—or avoid boldness for fear of man?
- vi. How does misplaced shame keep you from joyful obedience or gospel witness?
- vii. What promises of God can help you walk in freedom and Christ-centered confidence?
- viii. In your group’s prayer time, pray that God to remove the weight of false shame and replace it with the joy of gospel-cleansed freedom. Pray for boldness to rejoice in what pleases Him—even when it earns the world’s disapproval.

5. Prayer time (15 minutes)

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- 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 15th

- ☐ Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 11 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>