

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 12 - Week of December 15th

- 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 Hospitality and Service
 - ☐ How have you welcomed or served others practically this week?
 - ☐ Were you willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of others?
 - ☐ Did you avoid selfishness and seek others' good?
 - ☐ How have you cared for those in need, lonely, or hurting?
 - ii. Homework
 - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
 - ☐ Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 11?
- 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. From pages 142-144, How could Old Testament saints love the law if it revealed and provoked sin?

Answer: 1. They were **justified by faith** (e.g., Abraham and David in Rom 4).

- 2. The commandments were a gift for their good (Deut 10:13).
- 3. The law included sacrificial provisions revealing God's **forgiving grace**.
- 4. The law pointed beyond itself to a coming Redeemer (Isa 53).

Thus the law was not their basis of acceptance but their path of joyful obedience.

iii. From pages 148-149. How does Hebrews 11 demonstrate that obedience in the Old Testament flowed from faith in future grace?

Answer: Each example shows obedience empowered by trust in God's future provision:

- 1. Abraham offered Isaac because he believed God could raise the dead.
- 2. Moses chose mistreatment because he was "looking to the reward."
- 3. Noah built the ark by believing God's warning.

Therefore faith = **assurance of things hoped for**, enabling obedience.

- iv. From pages 152-153. What conclusion does Piper draw about how believers today should relate to the Old Testament law?
 - Answer: We should read the Old Testament expecting spiritual help, because the dynamic of spiritual life in both Testaments is essentially the same: **obedience by faith in future grace**. The Old Testament exists to strengthen our hope and build our faith in God's promises (Rom 15:4).
- v. Do you see God's commandments as life-giving or life-draining? What does that reveal about your view of God?
- vi. Are there commands you resist because you distrust the goodness of God's design?
- vii. How would trusting in future grace help you embrace even difficult commands with joy and confidence?
- viii. In your group's prayer time, ask God to rekindle your love for His Word—not as a set of burdens, but as the voice of a gracious Father. Pray for the Spirit to write His law on your heart and empower you to obey with delight.
- 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.

NO GRACEGROUP WEEKS OF 12/22 & 12/29: MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HOMEWORK

Week of January 5th, 2026

- ☐ Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 12 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