



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 26 – Week of April 20th

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 & 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 25?
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 312-313. Why does Piper emphasize that the Christian life involves struggle, like a fight or a race?
Answer: The metaphors of fighting and running show that perseverance requires effort, endurance, and resistance against opposition. Like athletes, believers must endure hardship and maintain vigilance in order to keep the faith.
 - iii. From page 313. What does the “monkey and the nut” illustration teach about the nature of this struggle?
Answer: The monkey cannot free its hand from a jar because it refuses to release the nut. Similarly, believers struggle because they cling to sin or worldly satisfaction. The battle is fundamentally about valuing freedom in God more than the “nut” of sin—and letting go is both simple and deeply resisted.

iv. From pages 314-315. What misunderstanding can lead Christians to discouragement in the struggle of faith?

Answer: Some believe that the Christian life should feel effortless, so when it feels like a constant battle, they assume something is wrong. Piper explains that this struggle is normal—the fight itself is evidence that **God is at work**, not that faith is failing.

v. From pages 315-318. How does Piper define the ultimate nature and outcome of the “fight of faith”?

Answer: The fight of faith is ultimately a **fight for joy in God**—maintaining satisfaction in Him over against worldly temptations. Though the battle is real and ongoing, victory is assured because God preserves His people. Our endurance rests not in our strength, but in **God’s faithful, future grace**.

vi. What sin are you clinging to because you don’t believe God will be enough if you let it go?

vii. How does your fear of loss or discomfort keep you from trusting God’s promises?

viii. What would it look like to “drop the nut” – to let go of what binds you – and believe that God is better?

ix. In your group’s prayer time, ask God to help you release whatever you are holding onto instead of Him. Pray for faith to see His grace as more valuable than the sin that tempts you. Trust that His promises will always outshine the empty rewards of sin.

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 April 27th, 2026

- i. Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 26 and answer the questions, which can be **found online**.
- ii. Decide who will be facilitating next week. The agenda can be **found online**.

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