



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 29 – Week of May 11th

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 Accountability & Openness**

- Have you concealed sin out of shame or pride?
- Did you seek counsel from trusted brothers/sisters?
- How have you received correction or encouragement?
- Have you been praying for those in your group?
- Did you encourage openness in others?

ii. **Homework**

- Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
- Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 28?

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 page 341. Why does Piper begin by insisting that suffering is not optional in the Christian life? **Answer: Piper grounds this in multiple Scriptures (Ps. 34:19; Acts 14:22; John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12), showing that suffering is promised for all who follow Christ. It is not strange but expected, and even described as something “graciously given” (Phil. 1:29).**
- iii. From pages 344-345. Why does Piper argue that the church today must recover a biblical view of suffering? **Answer: Modern Christians often think in terms of safety and “closed countries,” but Scripture assumes that missions and obedience will involve danger, persecution, and even death. Without this perspective, we misunderstand God’s purposes and shrink back from costly obedience.**

- iv. From pages 348-349. What three effects of suffering does Piper draw from Romans 5:3–4?
Answer: Endurance – perseverance under trial. **Proven character** – tested and approved faith. **Hope** – deeper confidence in future grace. Suffering thus leads not away from hope, but into **greater assurance and stronger faith**.
(pp. 348–349).
- v. From pages 349-350. How does suffering ultimately magnify Christ and deepen satisfaction in God? **Answer: Suffering reveals human weakness so that Christ’s power is displayed more clearly** (2 Cor. 12:9). It strips away false supports and teaches believers that God alone is sufficient, leading them to say, “God is my portion forever..
- vi. When you suffer, do you lean into God's promises or withdraw in disappointment?
- vii. What trials in your life might be invitations to deeper faith rather than signs of abandonment?
- viii. How can you prepare your heart now to suffer in a way that glorifies God's sustaining grace?
- ix. In your group’s prayer time, ask God for the grace to see suffering not as a curse but as a crucible for faith. Pray that His promises would become more real—not less—when life is hard. Trust Him to give you Himself as your portion.

5. Prayer time (15 minutes)

- 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 POST-GRAD GROUP THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH

HOMEWORK

Week of May 25th, 2026

- i. Read *Future Grace*, Chapter 29 and answer the questions, which can be **found online**.
- ii. 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>