



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 32 – Week of June 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 Prayer**

- How consistent have you been in personal prayer this week?
- Have you prayed for your brothers and sisters in Christ by name?
- What have you specifically confessed to the Lord in prayer?
- Have your prayers been more focused on your desires or God's will?
- Have you prayed for your pastors, elders, and leaders?

ii. **Homework**

- Did you accomplish at least five devotionals this week?
- Did you read *Future Grace*, Chapter 31?

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 385-386. How does Piper summarize the central burden of the entire book at the beginning of the chapter?

Answer: Piper says the burden of the book has been to promote **living by faith in future grace to the glory of God**. Faith is not mere intellectual agreement, but being "satisfied with all that God is for us in Jesus." Past grace—especially Christ's death and resurrection—matters because it secures everlasting future grace.

iii. From page 388-392. How does Jonathan Edwards help Piper redefine "self-love" in a biblical way?

Answer: Edwards distinguishes selfish, narrow self-love from the universal human desire for happiness. He argues that loving happiness itself is not sinful; the problem is seeking happiness apart from God. True virtue is found when the soul finds its highest joy in God Himself.

iv. From pages 396-398. Why does Edwards argue that regeneration is necessary before someone can truly delight in God? **Answer:** Fallen humanity lacks a spiritual "taste" for God's beauty.

Regeneration is the supernatural work of the Spirit giving the heart a new relish for God's glory and excellence. Only then can a person genuinely pursue happiness in God above all else.

- v. Having just finished *Future Grace*, what would you say is the ultimate vision of the Christian life presented in *Future Grace*? **Answer: The Christian life is a lifelong fight of faith in future grace—a joyful dependence on God's promises that frees believers from fear and sin so they can live lives of radical love, sacrificial ministry, and deep satisfaction in God forever.**
 - vi. Are you content with knowing about God, or do you long to delight in Him as your greatest treasure?
 - vii. How has your spiritual life been shaped more by obligation than by joy? What needs to shift?
 - viii. In what areas of your life do you need to recover a passion for the glory of God?
 - ix. In your group's prayer time, pray that your life would be shaped not only by right beliefs but by a deepening, joyful longing for God Himself. Ask for a heart that echoes the greatest truths of Edwards and Scripture: that God is most glorified in you when you are most satisfied in Him.
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.

HOMEWORK

- i. Spend some time thinking and praying through the next step in your discipleship journey. We will be offering new GraceGroups in the fall. Has God called you to be a GraceGroup leader? We would also like to offer Bible studies for those who are not ready to join a GraceGroup. Has God called you to lead a Bible study? Or is he leading you to continue growing and developing as a leader by joining a Post-Grad group in the fall?
- ii. Meet with Adriana as a group to give feedback and consider your next steps. She will reach out to you with dates.

** Make sure you fill out the "Weekly Feedback Form" and the "Post Grad Group Facilitator Evaluation" at <http://gracehamptons.org/postgrad>