GRACE groups

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

GraceGroup 201 Weekly Agenda

Lesson 43 – Week of November 16th

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 Stewardship of Time and Resources**
   - ☐ How have you used your time and money for God's glory this week?
   - ☐ Did you waste time on distractions or worldly pursuits?
   - ☐ How were you generous with your resources toward others?
   - ☐ Are you managing your household resources faithfully?
   - ☐ Have you trusted God with your finances rather than worrying?

   ii. **Homework**
   - ☐ Did you accomplish at least five devotionals last week?
   - ☐ Did you read *The Gospel Centered Community*, Lesson 6 and *Nine Marks,* Chapter 6?
   - ☐ Did you read days 153-156 of *Everyday Gospel Bible*?
   - ☐ Memorize 1 Corinthians 1:10 – " I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

4. Lesson Time (40-55 minutes) __:35 - __:15 __:35 - __:30

From Gospel-Centered Community, Lesson 6:

i. What idea or concept stood out to you most in this lesson?

ii. Turn to the chart on page 64.
   a. On the consumer side, which aspect do you identify with personally? How do these tendencies reveal self-concern (pride)? How have you seen this negatively affect your involvement in community?
   b. On the servant side, which aspects do you identify with personally? Would you say that you see or experience this kind of humility and servant-hood in your community? How do these expressions of love reflect humility?

iii. On top of page 66, it says: "…often we aren't comfortable with a God who serves us. Instead, selfishly, we want to serve God *so that* we can demand something in return." How do you see that dynamic in your individual life?

iv. From the questions on page 68, is there anything you'd like to share?

From Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Mark Six:

i. From pages 176-179. What are two ways a congregation can "grow?"
From page 179: "We find numerical growth in the New Testament just as in the Old Testament. But the growth that is discussed and urged and prayed for in the New Testament isn't simply numerical growth…The New Testament idea of growth involves not just more people, but people who are growing up, maturing, and deepening their faith.
    i. Is numerical growth necessarily good? Why or why not?

ii. What biblical texts might you cite to argue that true church growth is about believers deepening their faith? (Pages 179-182)

iii. On pages 182-190, Dever summarizes the other eight marks of a healthy church. How do these other marks help a congregation grow?

iv. On pages 190-193, Dever goes through his hopes for growth at his church. At Grace Church, we believe that one of the ways we grow is through our discipleship program - GraceGroups. As we reach the end of Phase 201, what are some ways you have seen yourself and your fellow GraceGroup members grow in the spiritual lives?

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 (example, each person prays for the person on their left).
   iii. Write down these prayer requests so you can follow up in the next meeting.

NO GRACEGROUP WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23rd – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HOMEWORK

Week of November 30th

- ☐ *The Gospel Centered Community* – Lesson 7
- ☐ *What is Church Government*? By: Sean Michael Lucas
- ☐ Everyday Gospel Bible: Days 157-163
- ☐ Memorize 1 Corinthians 1:10 – " I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."

** Make sure you fill out the "Weekly Feedback Form" at http://gracehamptons.org/ggleaders