

# GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 7/19/20

Hi Gracelife Family,

No matter the phase of gathering that we are in GraceLife's vision to gather, grow, and go has not and will not change. Therefore we want continue to encourage growth within Gracelife's families. Growth often comes through conversation therefore I will be providing weekly conversational helpers related to the sermons as a resource for your family. GraceLife provides this same type of resource for community group leaders during the fall and spring and to the congregation during community group breaks to be used if so desired to facilitate growth. My goal was to replicate this model as we spend the majority of our time within our "family groups".

Please keep in mind that anytime Gracelife offers a resource, we like to emphasize that it is optional. For this particular resource, if it is used, the conversation should lead so if you don't get to all of this, it's okay. The Holy Spirit is working in your conversations - follow him. Because this is a family discussion this could be used throughout the week or not at all.

We would love to see your children doing any of the activities or challenges that are suggested. If you feel comfortable, share pictures of your children completing these on either Facebook or Instagram by tagging Gracelife.

## **A Note about the Culture Check Series...**

During this sermon series GraceLife Church is thinking about our culture, we would invite you to do the same with the culture within your home. As Tommy said every place in our lives has a culture - our homes, work places, towns, etc -and often we never question it. Neither the culture of your church or the culture of your home will save your children. But if we claim to follow Jesus, those cultures will make a powerful impression on our children that helps them see what Jesus is like and how He changes us. Therefore, as you teach your children about the gospel you also should be demonstrating the gospel through your relationships with them. I was challenged by two of Tommy's questions and their application within my home; until our children are saved they are the outsiders looking in curiously at what we (their parents/guardians) believe and how we live to determine if they want in on it - what are they seeing, "smelling"; are they in awe of God? AND "what kind of disciples are we making?"

As I said above, part of the vision of Gracelife Kids is to partner with you to encourage spiritual growth in your homes therefore as we work through this sermon series we want to help you set up spiritual disciplines that aid in developing a Gospel Culture in your home. The Family Group Chat will include resources, questions, and conversation starters related to Gospel Culture in the home as well as continuing to provide ways to discuss and learn about scripture shared on Sunday morning. This week, consider taking time to talk to your children about the culture of your home and really listen to them as they respond honestly about your home culture (as leaders of the home we will be the last to recognize our smell).

Diane and I are praying for you always and we are excited to see how God is going to use this time within your family.

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### CULTURE CHECK: WELCOME

#### Romans 15:1-7 & Acts 2:42-47

#### Introduction

What are the values and convictions that you protect and promote in your home? Ask your children to share some of your “unspoken rules about the way we do things around here”.

Think about and discuss on your own - what learned behaviors are your children exhibiting that may be a result of the culture of your home?

For someone to truly experience Christ in a church they must learn gospel doctrine but also feel the gospel lived out through the culture - the same is true for our homes; which is more prevalent in your home? Talk to your children about what they have learned about God from you, then talk to them about how you show God’s love to them. Consider humbly asking them about when they don’t feel loved or have even felt fear - this may indicate areas of improvement.

#### Welcome

Read Romans 15:7; Define the word welcome

Where is the place that you have felt the most welcomed? When you have people over what are some ways you make sure they feel welcome?

Read (or watch the video in the resources) about the Story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32

What would you have done when the son came back? Punished him? What did the father do? Did this surprise you? God’s welcome is surprising too! How does God welcome us? Give some examples of how we can give this same type of welcome to others, see if your children can come up with some after you give examples.

#### Resources

Cultural Development:

[Family Vision Statement](#)

Fierce Marriage is a web ministry that focuses on “pointing couples to Christ and commission marriages for the gospel”; this family vision statement is a tool that they developed and use to define the vision or culture of their family. This can be used in any type of family.

Prodigal Son:

[Running Away - The Jesus Storybook Bible](#)  
[Beginners Bible - Prodigal Son Song \(end at 3 mins\)](#)

Acts 2:

[New Believers](#) (Sunday's Lesson)  
[What is the Church? By Life Kids](#)

#### Acts 2

GraceLife Kids focused on these verses as they gathered on Sunday (see resource for lesson)

The early church is a living example of Romans 15:7 - how did the new believers show that they knew and lived out the gospel? (help your children find the answers in the verses)

What did these Christians have in common?

When people come to our house or see us out in public how do they know that we believe in Jesus?



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**July Memory Verse: Matthew 6:19-24**

## Verse:

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Elementary (1st - 5th grade): All verses

Little Learners (Preschool - Kindergarten): Matthew 6:19-21

Toddlers (2.5 years to 4 years): Matthew 6:21

## Activity

Craft: Placemat

Supplies: Construction paper (or regular paper), markers, items to decorate with (glitter, stickers, etc), press and seal cling paper (or clear packing tape or laminator)

Have the children choose their color construction paper, have them write their verse on it (or write it for the younger children). Allow the decorate the paper however desired. When finished place between two pieces of press and seal cling wrap to seal (if using packing tape, put a layer of tape on each side and be sure to seal the edges). Now children can read over their verses during every meal!

All Together:

Have each child read or recite their part of the verse after a meal that you have eaten together.

## Memory Verse Resources

For Memory Verse -

Songs:

[Treasure by Seed Family Worship](#) (with hand motions)

[Where your Treasure Is by Steve Green Piano Hands, Matthew 6:19-24 by Jason Silver](#)

## Challenge

Once your child has memorized their part of the verses you can contact Courtney to schedule a time for your child to recite the verse to her - they will win a prize!!

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