

GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 8/9/20

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: WAR (GALATIANS 2:11-15)

Cultural Threat

For Parents to consider:
What are some of the threats to the culture of your family?

Have you experienced any threats? If so, how have you dealt with them? Did your strategy work? What would you do different if not?

Do you have anyone that speaks truth into your family that can help you watch for attacks?

How can you be proactive in protecting and preserving the Gospel culture within your family?

Biblical Confrontations

Define the word "confrontation"

Read the passage with your children,; explain that Paul was confronting Peter about how he was engaging with the people because Peter had lost sight of how to live out what Jesus had taught him (the Gospel).

Ask your children about what they would do if they knew a friend was doing something that went against God and was opposite for what God teaches.

How would they have the courage to discuss this with their friends? Talk to them about when they would need help from an adult when doing this.

How do they know if what their friend is doing is right or wrong?

Prayer

On Sunday, the children (1.5 years to 5 year olds) learned about prayer. We chose this because the best way to combat attacks on culture is on our knees. Therefore focusing on this spiritual disciple would help prepare them for the attacks they will face as they grow.

Throughout this week, encourage your children to pray and pray with them.

Another way to encourage prayer in your home is starting a prayer journal with your child. There are many available for purchase but you can [click here](#) for a great free printable journal pages for all ages.

[This video](#) provides a great explanation on ways that we pray with examples of how different people in the bible used those prayer. [This printable](#) can be displayed to help your children remember these.

These videos are helpful as children ask the big questions about prayer

[What is Prayer](#)
[Why do we Pray](#)
[How do we Pray](#)

Resources

Family Culture Development

Books:

- [Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles that can Radically Change Your Family](#)
- [Peacemaking for Families](#)

Prayer

Printable:

[Praying Hands: Who We Pray For](#)

Songs

[God Answers Prayer](#)
[I will Pray - Yancy Ministries](#)



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August Memory Verse: Matthew 6:27-33

Verse:

27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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

Little Learners (4.5 year old - kindergarten): Matthew 6:31-33

Toddlers (2.5 years old to 4.5 years old): Matthew 6:33

Activity

As you introduce a new verse, focus on repetitive reading.

Find the verse:
Help your child find the verse in the bible and read it 5 times.

Craft:
Make a bookmark with the verses on it and allow your children to decorate it. This will mark the place in the bible where the this month's verse is located.

Game:
Clap it out - choose a word or phrase and clap it each time you say the verse. If you practice multiple times a week change the word or phrase that you clap.

Memory Verse Resources

Illustrated readings:

[Do Not Worry](#)

[Don't Worry by LifeKids](#)

Songs

[Doorpost Songs - Seek First](#)

[Seek First His Kingdom By Seeds family](#)

[Worship](#)

[Do not Worry by Rain for Roots](#)

[Do not worry by Steve Green](#)

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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