

GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 7/26/20

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: WALK - 1 JOHN 1:4-10

Understanding Culture

For Parents to consider:
How has the culture of your home influenced the habits and rhythms of your family?

How can "do as I say and not as I do" cause a toxic culture in your home?

Hear from your children:
Do we (the parents or guardians) practice what we preach? Act as we expect you to act?

Do we treat you in a way that lets you know that we love God?

Walking In Darkness

We walk in the darkness when we hide things from God. God doesn't want us to hide anything from him - not our sins, feelings, or thoughts. We don't have to pretend to be okay.

Have you ever told someone that you were okay when you really weren't? Maybe when you feel down? Maybe when you were sad or scared?

He loves you and will forgive you no matter what - so you don't have to hide anything!

God is Light

On Sunday the children learned all about how God is Light. [Click here](#) to review and use the lesson as a guide for further discussion. Be sure to have fun doing the activities to help you and your children remember this amazing attribute of God.

Fellowship with 1 another

When we walk in the light (or walk with God) "there are a bunch of people there waiting to welcome you, love you, grow with you, and share life with you"

God wants us to feel safe to share everything with the people he puts in our lives because they can help us. God made us for community.

Who are some people that you feel safe around? Who is someone that you feel like you could talk about anything with?

Our family is a community, God wants us to have an honest fellowship together so that we can help each get to know him better.

Resources

Family Culture Development [Family Discipleship Guide](#)
The Village Church (Texas) created this guide with the intention of providing a frame work for helping families get on the same page about the spiritual upbringing of the next generation through spiritual gospel-centered living, talking and gathering as they establish a sustainable rhythm (culture) in their households.

Songs

- [God is Light by Seeds Family Worship](#)
- [He is the Light by Cave Quest VBS](#)
- [If we confess by Seeds Family Worship](#)



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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

Younger Children: Play "copy cat" say the verse and allow her child to copy you. Then get creative sing it and have them copy your song. Say it in silly ways and have your child copy you.

Older Children: they can make a video of them teaching about the verse or reciting it creatively.

All Together:

Place words or phrases from the verse around your home. Have the children do a memory verse tour of your home and at the end see if they can recite the verse. (If you have children of multiple ages you may need to write the name of the child on the card that matches their verse section)

Memory Verse Resources

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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