

GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 8/16/20

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: THE HEART OF WAR (GALATIANS 2:11-16)

Justification

Explain the word "Justification": quest for acceptance and belonging

Where are some places that we look for acceptance outside of our relationship with Jesus? (school, friends, our family)

How do we get people to accept us? (look, dress, act, think in a way that will please them)

How do we feel when people we want to accept us don't? (Left out, insecure)

What do we have to do for God to accept us? (Have faith - believe Jesus is who is said he is and saved us by dying on the cross)

If we have faith we don't have to worry about anyone not accepting us because the only person that matters, Jesus, does! We don't have to look for acceptance anywhere else!

Cultural Implications

For Parents to consider:
How are you being a "Peter" in your home - are you giving your children conflicting messages about the Gospel through your actions?

What fears or insecurities may be causing this inconsistency? How can you fight to remind yourself of your justification by faith in Christ alone?

Your children don't have to work to earn your love, do they know that? How do you demonstrate that to them in order to reflect God's love for them in your home?

By Faith

As Tommy taught the adults about the Heart of War and how Gospel Doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone protects, preserves, and confronts Gospel culture, we taught the children what it means to have faith (via Hebrews 11: 1-10) so that they may be justified.

Ask your children to tell you what they think the word "faith" means. Have them explain what it means to have faith in something.

Share about a time you stepped out in faith because you felt called by God with your children.

[Click here](#) to review Sunday's lesson

Additional Helpers:

For Parents & Older Children: [What does the Bible Say About Faith?](#)

For Everyone: [What does it mean to have faith?](#)

Resources

Family Culture Development:

Article-
[10 ideas: Living the Gospel in Your Home](#)

Teaching Gospel to Children:
Podcast -
[Jesus is Better](#)
Other -
[Gospel Conversation for Kids](#)



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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

Listen:

Find the Bible verses on your bible app, click the verses then press play - have your children listen to the verses several times then read along aloud with the audio.

Art:

Have the children draw a picture to depict the verses or make a pictogram in which each word or phrase gets a picture.

Game:

Charades - have the children act out parts of the verses so the other children or you can guess the verse phrase.

Practice:

Allow the children to practice their verses during dinner and encourage the others to help when the child gets stuck.

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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