

# GLKIDS FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Week of 8/23/20

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: SEEKING GOD (PSALM 63)

#### Our Need for God

In class we discussed how we have a need for God just as our bodies need food and water.

Over dinner or snack ask your children about how they know they are hungry or thirsty physically. What do they do when they get hungry or thirsty? (Go to the fridge or ask for help from you)

Explain to your children how you know when you need God, not that he has gone away from you but you have gone away from him. How do you react to them and others? How do you feel?

What do you do when you start feeling this way? (Go to the source - word, ask for help - pray)

God satisfies our every need. Our need to feel loved, accepted, and he provides for us because he loves us.

Gives some examples from your life of when God has met your needs.

#### Cultural Implications

For Parents to consider:  
How have you demonstrated seeking God to your children?

What are some ways that you have sought after God as a family? What has worked and what hasn't?

Check out the resources for ways to seek God together. Also, for additional help please feel free to contact Diane or Courtney anytime.

#### Seeking God

From David's Psalm we know that David craved God, enjoyed God, and depended on God which is why he sought him in good times and bad.

The more we seek God the more we desire God. What are ways that we seek God? How can we make sure we are doing these things daily? Brainstorm with your children how they would like to seek God each day - hold each other accountable.



We delight in God the same way we rejoice when we have that first gulp of water after playing in the sun all day. Seeking him and finding Him satisfies our need.

Seeking God reminds us that we can depend on him no matter what. David chose God over his army and advisors. What are some things that we go to for help instead of God? Are all of these things bad? (No) Are they all unconditionally trustworthy? God IS!

#### Resources

Seeking God Together

Article -

[Tips and Ideas for Great Family Devotions](#)

Podcast -

[God's Big Story](#)

Devotional Books -

By Marty Machowski (author of our curriculum)

[Long Story Short](#)

[Old Story New](#)

[Wise Up: Proverbs](#)

[Listen Up: Parables](#)

Others:

[Kids Read 1 & 2 Corinthians](#)

[Exploring Grace Together](#)

[New City Catechism](#)



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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 verse or verses in the bible and have each child read the verses aloud to each other.

Art:

Write the verse on a piece of construction or card stock paper and cut it into various large pieces to make a puzzle.

Game:

In a circle or back and forth have each person say one word of the verse. See how long it takes until the whole verse is said correctly.

Practice:

Say the verse together during bedtime.

## 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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