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FAMILY GROUP CHAT

Hi Gracelife Family,

Week of 5/3/20

Although we are apart GraceLife's vision to gather, grow, and go has not changed. Therefore we continue to hope to encourage growth within Gracelife's families so I wanted to provide some conversational helpers related to the sermons while we are away. Tommy does this for community group leaders as a resource they can choose to use if so desired. I thought this model could be replicated as we are continuously within our "family groups".

Hopefully, this will be another resource you can use to help your family refocus on Christ during this "divine disruption".

Please keep in mind that when Tommy gives this to the leaders he emphasizes that this is optional. 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 conversation - follow him. Because this is a family discussion this could be used throughout the week or not at all.

This week there is an activity and a challenge, if you do this with your family we would love to see it. If you feel lead please share it with us by tagging us on Facebook or Instagram.

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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What the World Needs: Ephesians 1:2

Introduction

Restlessness and Fear:
Restlessness is like Cabin Fever - ready to get out. Fear - there are people afraid of the virus and other things going on out in the world.

If someone is restless, how do you think they would act? A fearful person? Are there any benefits to these two feelings?

Adults around the world are in conflict because they seem to be driven by these two feelings right now.

Have you ever disagreed with someone? How have you handled it? Is it okay to disagree? Do you know how the Bible tells us to handle conflict?

Grace and Peace

2 Timothy 3:16 says "all scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for training in righteousness", even the little verses like greetings, such as Eph 1:2. Hebrews 4 says that the word of God is alive so we sometimes read things and don't think much of it and then the next time we read it God uses it in a big way.

What does it mean for the Bible to be alive? How is this possible?

Grace

Tommy told us that grace is an unreasonably good response.

What is grace a response to? What do we deserve? How is God able to respond with grace instead of punishment? How do we get to experience God's grace?

Can you think of examples of God showing his grace in the bible? (don't forget about the Old Testament)

Activity: Grace is in God's nature - he is overflowing with it. You will need one cup for you and one cup per child. Fill up your cup so much that it is overflowing, have your children catch the overflow in their own cups. (Part 1)

Peace

This is a feeling that comes from experiencing God's grace - when we are saved by His grace, he gives us His peace through the spirit which comes to dwell within us.

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

How would you explain peace to someone? What are some things that make you fearful or something you worry about? How can knowing that you are saved and the spirit has been sent to help you bring you peace about the things you shared?



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We need more Grace and Peace, we need it early, we need it often

We need God's grace everyday because we mess up everyday and remembering this will give us peace when we are feeling unsure about what is going on around us.

How do you think you make apple juice? You can't make apple juice without apples, you can't have peace without grace!

Have you ever tried to make something without a recipe? How do you think some people try to have peace without grace?

God wants to give us his grace so we can feel his peace! All we have to do is ask! It's like the doctor wanting to help you but you refuse his treatment. The doctor is sad when he knows he can help but no one takes his advice, God might feel the same but when someone comes to him he gets excited - It makes him happy to give you grace and peace!

Why do you think that some people refuse to do what the doctor orders? Do you think they like being sick? Is it the same with God?

We extend Grace and Peace

Activity (Part 2) - Give your child a second cup, do the same activity again but allow their cup to overflow into the second cup.

God wants us to be so full of grace and peace that we share it with others.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as in good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give/impart grace to those who hear
Ephesians 4:29

Paul tells us that we can show grace to others through our words.

Share a time when someone has said some really mean things to you, how did that make you feel? Share a time when someone was really nice, how did you feel? How can you use your words to show other people God's grace?

Challenge

Think of someone you can do for someone else either in your home or community to help them feel God's grace using your words. (write a letter, card, give someone a compliment, say something positive instead of negative in a disagreement)

