

Grace Church believes that family matters! Family is important and families have a wide range of issues that they need spiritual direction. To help families navigate through these issues, Grace Church offers a variety of electives 2 or 3 times per year relating to family, marriage, and parenting. These electives are offered on Sunday mornings and usually run for between four and eight weeks. They offer biblical teaching as well as practical advice.

Recent Electives Include:

Visionary Parenting

Visionary Parenting is an elective which encourages and equips parents at whatever stage they are at in their parenting journey to

- 1) Capture a biblical vision for the eternal and spiritual purpose of parenting.
- 2) Take an honest look at the current spiritual condition of their family.
- 3) Empower life-changing action that will transform their family for generations to come.
- 4) Take responsibility for the personal discipleship of their own children.

Advent

Observing the Advent season can be a great way to keep you and your family's focus on Jesus during the busy weeks leading up to Christmas. This four week class will give you a variety of ideas on how to do that in your home as well as provide material for a Family Devotional Time each week.

Connecting at Home

Connect@Home is an elective designed to help families at Grace Church be proactive and purposeful in connecting spiritually at home one step at a time. Couples and parents who Connect@Home will increase the likelihood of

- 1) building a life-long, thriving marriage.
- 2) introducing their children to Christ.
- 3) launching their teens as fully devoted followers of Christ.

The Blessing

The Blessing is a Biblical practice of giving the people in our lives the gift of unconditional love and acceptance, beginning with those closest to us. This class/workshop will help parents become intentional in using the five elements of The Blessing to give this life changing gift to each of their uniquely designed children.

Culture Clash Discussions

Culture Clash discussions provide thought provoking biblical instruction, lively discussion, and practical application on cultural topic relevant to parents and their relationship with their teenager. Past topics have included:

- Combating Busyness
- Media & Technology
- Child/Teen Entitlement

Visionary Marriage

Visionary Marriage is an elective which encourages and equips couples to capture a compelling, Bible-driven vision for their life together. This elective covers topics including:

- Transformational Forgiveness
- Vision for True Unity
- Biblical Role of Husband and Wife
- Mission of Raising Godly Children
- Working Through Conflict
- Mission of Spiritual Transformation
- Developing a Shared Life Vision.

You can find the next Family Matters Special Elective listed at gracenormal.org/events/calendar.

Have questions about our Family Matters Special Electives or suggestions for future topics? Contact Pastor David at <u>david@gracenormal.org</u>