

Agenda – Grade 5 Parent Coffee – November 7, 2019

- Introductions
- Ground rules – Be respectful, confidential, sharing not lecturing
- Prayer
- Briefly review book outline
- Book discussion

***Grace Based Parenting* by Tim Kimmel**

Grace-based parents spend their time entrusting themselves to Christ. They live to know God more. Their children are the daily recipients of the grace these parents are enjoying from the Lord....They are especially graceful when their children are the hardest to love. (19)

Grace-based parenting works from the inside out. Fear-based parenting works from the outside in. (133)

Grace-based parenting is not a checklist for parenting; it's a lifestyle. It's a clear attempt to retrofit your minds to respond to your children in the same way God responds to you. (not something you do, something you are) (213)

The quiz:

What are the fundamental, driving inner needs that your child was born with? (23)

- 1- A need for security
- 2- A need for significance
- 3- A need for strength (25)

How do we meet these needs? Love, purpose, hope (25)

Grace *and* Truth

- You can't have grace when you have rules but little relationship (35)
- Rules not tempered by grace block relationships with our children and lead to rebellion (37)

A Secure Love

- 1- Children feel secure when they know they are accepted as they are. (54)
- 2- Children feel secure when they know they are affiliated with a loving and honoring family. (61)
- 3- Children feel secure love when they receive regular and generous helpings of affection. (63)

Building Significant Purpose in Your Child

- 1- Children feel significant when they are regularly affirmed. (83)
- 2- Children feel significant when they know they have our attention. (86)
- 3- Children feel significant when they are gracefully admonished. (89)

A Strong Hope

- 1- Children develop a strong hope when they know their parents recognize their God-given abilities and liabilities and turn them into assets for their future. (110)
- 2- Children develop a strong hope when their parents lead them and encourage them to live a great spiritual adventure. (113)
- 3- Children develop a strong hope when their parents help them turn their childhood into a series of positive accomplishments. (122)

Grace-Based Parenting for Dummies (134)

Homes where children are given:

- 1- The freedom to be different
- 2- The freedom to be vulnerable
- 3- The freedom to be candid
- 4- The freedom to make mistakes

The best way to ensure that our children will speak respectfully when they are voicing their disappointment or disapproval over something is to make sure that is exactly how we speak to them when it's the other way around. (204)

“What’s your beef?” dinner idea (207)

- Opportunity to share with parents any hurtful events, comments that the parents had made (harsh, embarrassing, or something not done or said)
- Parents not permitted to defend

Additional notes from group discussion:

- Strong not safe (objective in raising kids)
- Sin – should be expected, accepted & acknowledged – we are not surprised by sin!
- Consider having checklist for child – celebrate what is complete as they are learning instead of focusing on what is not complete
- Checklist could be a song for creative kids (not necessarily a printed list)
- Tuck in at night is important