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**GRANDPARENTING WITH GRACE:**

**WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO KNOW ABOUT OUR GRANDCHILDREN?**

**Session 1**

INTRODUCTION:

A. Welcome!

B. Let me tell you briefly why I’m here:

 Psalm 71:17-18,

 *O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.*

C. What are some of the topics we will discuss during our time together in this class?

1. This session: What does God want us to know about our grandchildren?

2. Session 2: My Grandchild Needs a Savior?

3. Session 3: Developing God-Honoring Relationships with My Grandchildren’s Parents

4. Session 4: “Intentional Grandparenting

5. Session 5: “The Power of a Praying Grandparent”

6. Session 6: “Gospel Grandparenting in Today’s Culture”

7. Session 7: “How Do I Leave a Godly Legacy?”

I. How do we know how to be grandparents?

 A. What influences have shaped your grandparenting?

 B. But, what if we let the Word of God shape our grandparenting?

II. What does *God* want us to know about our grandchildren?

 A. First: God wants us to know that our grandchildren are a His blessing to us

 Psalm 127:3, *“Children are a heritage from the Lord”*

 Psalm 128:6, *“May you see your children's children!”*

 Proverbs 17:6, *Grandchildren are the crown of the aged*

B. Second: God wants us to know that our grandchildren are His creation:

1. Our grandchildren (like all human beings), are Gods handiwork

2. Our grandchildren are therefore *dependent* on God not only for life itself, but also for their *understanding* of life and eternity. *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge”* (Proverbs 1:7).

3. Our grandchildren, being Gods creation, are also *accountable* to Him as their Creator. Isaiah 43:7, “W*hom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*

C. God wants us to know that He created our grandchildren to be His image bearers

1. Our grandchildren were created to *relate* to God in a way that is not true of any non-human creation.

2. Our grandchildren were created with an ability to *reflect* God as His image bearers.

3. Our grandchildren were made to *represent* God as image bearers.

D. Sadly, our grandchildren are made not only in *God’s* image, but in *our* image, too—our *sinful* image. We will devote our next session to exploring God’s Word on this issue: Our grandchildren need a Savior!

WRAPPING UP SESSION 1:

Your thoughts and questions from this evening’s discussion?

Homework for Session 2: Read *Grandparenting with Grace* up through page 21, including questions and action steps