

Parenting with Grace

Helping parents, grandparents, guardians (and those who equip them) live out a Trinitarian vision for parenting in a post-modern, post-Christian world.

Generations Ministries (GenMin) is pleased to offer **Parenting with Grace** – a day-long interactive seminar that explores an approach to parenting and grand-parenting that is grounded fully in God’s super-abundant grace.

What is parenting with grace?

It’s a Trinitarian vision for parenting where parents, grandparents and other guardians share with children and teens the love and life of our Triune God. This is not just theological theory—it’s a powerful, dynamic, living reality. It means parenting out of the super-abundance of the grace that is ours through our adoption into the Triune ‘circle’ of God’s life.

And that’s what we mean when we say, ‘parenting with grace.’

But what does it ‘look like’ in real life? Glad you asked, and we invite you to host this seminar in your area so that you and others may find answers to that important question together. We think you’ll be blessed as you do.



What does the seminar cover?

Parenting with Grace has three parts:

1. **Grace foundations.** This part of the seminar explores three things:
 - a. The essential Trinitarian framework within which all issues related to parenting find their appropriate place in the love and life of God
 - b. The nature of children and teens from a developmental perspective (physical, emotional and spiritual)
 - c. The nature of the post-modern, post-Christian cultures where kids are growing up
2. **Grace-based parents.** This part looks at the characteristics of adults who parent in ways that are expressive of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This part is based largely on George Barna’s research and recommendations in *Revolutionary Parenting*.
3. **Parenting with grace.** This part advocates an approach to parenting kids (pre-school through teenage) defined by Tim Kimmel in his helpful book, *Grace-Based Parenting*. This part deals with the real issues faced by real parents including grace and rules; and how to (and not to) discipline.

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SCHEDULE

This seminar is held in a single day, using the following schedule (which may be altered to fit local needs, including incorporating a worship service):

- 10:00 - 10:30 registration (host church provides coffee, collects fees and distributes handouts.
- 10:30 - 10:50 worship (provided by host church)
- 10:50 - noon **Grace foundations**
- noon - 1:00 lunch (provided by host church)
- 1:00 - 2:15 **Grace-based parents**
- 2:15 - 2:30 refreshments (provided by host church)
- 2:30 - 3:45 **Parenting with grace**
- 3:45 - 4:00 refreshments (provided by host church)
- 4:00 - 4:30 **conclusion/debrief**

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COSTS

The costs for hosting this seminar (typically passed on to participants in a registration fee) include the following:

- Handouts. The seminar trainer will send the host an electronic (PDF) copy of these handouts—typically about 10 black and white pages. These are to be copied and distributed by the host church – one copy of each to each participant.
- Lunch and snacks for breaks
- Hall rental and other facility costs
- On-site trainer needs: Generations Ministries covers the cost of the trainer's transportation to and from the host city (typically by air) and the host covers the cost of on-site lodging, meals and ground transportation

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FACILITY NEEDS

The seminar is typically held in the host congregation's regular meeting location (church building, meeting hall, etc.). It's helpful to have participants seated at tables where they can 'huddle' during discussion times.

The seminar trainer brings a lap top computer and projector to show the seminar PowerPoint presentation. The host needs to provide adequate power cords, a table near the front of the room on which to place the projector and laptop, and a large projection screen (or white, blank wall) visible to all participants at the front of the room. The host also needs to provide a hook up from the trainer's laptop (via the headphone jack) into the sound system so that audio portions of the PowerPoint presentation may be heard by all participants.

To schedule *Parenting with Grace* in your area contact Ted Johnston by email at TedJohnston@gci.org or by phone at 330.497.7188