

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SEATS AT THE DINNER TABLE: Psalm 128 & The Godly Home

SERIES THEME//

In this series, we'll examine the Biblical vision for family and the godly home as we take an expositional walk through Psalm 128, looking at each of the people seated around the family dinner table.

SERMON; GRANDCHILDREN AT THE TABLE | PSALM 128:6

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SERMON THEME//

Theme: Does your family have a generational vision that the faith of the family will last into your grandchildren and beyond? Will you take responsibility to help your grandchildren gathered at the table know and love Jesus? As we conclude this sermon series, we'll look at the role of grandparents, but we'll focus on the call to conduct our family with a generational vision where the faith will flourish for generations to come.

LEADER//

Acknowledge up front some ground rules. 1) Give space for everyone to share and interact. 2) Keep an atmosphere where everyone is comfortable to share not just their answers, but their lives and faith. 3) Challenge everyone to keep discussion away from the quality of the sermon and focus on the content, particularly as it relates to what God would have us do in our lives with it.

OPENING UP//

Start with prayer

Start the discussion

1. As we finish this sermon series, where have you been comforted or challenged by the preaching of God's Word during this series?
2. Tell us a story you remember about one of your grandparents.
3. What are some things you learned from your grandparents?
4. What are some things you hope to pass on to your grandchildren (or spiritual grandchildren)?

DIGGING DEEPER//

- o Begin by reading this passage out loud.



PSALM 128 (ESV)

A Song of Ascents.

128 Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!

²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord.

⁵The Lord bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

⁶May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!

- o Take a moment and have each person in the group reread verse 6 out loud.

SERMON DISCUSSION VIDEO//

- o As you watch the sermon discussion video, take note of what you found intriguing, insightful, and challenging as you consider how to take the *Word preached* and make it the *Word lived*.

DISCUSS THE SERMON//

LEADER//

While a fair amount of processing is necessary and helpful, remember that the point of this discussion is to take the *Word preached* and consider how to make it the *Word lived*. Have a large amount of time be spent on taking God's Word and applying it to our lives.

IMPORTANT TIP: Take the questions from "What do you think about this?" to "How does that play out in your day-to-day life?"



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- Were there any of Pastor Ryan's or Ethan's thoughts from this discussion video that stuck out to you or struck a chord with you?
- The big challenge in this sermon was the call to think about your faith with a three-generational vision. Pastor Ryan discussed how we focus on the idea that faith is personal - but we forget that faith is also covenantal and generational. Why do you think Christians find it easier to think about faith as a personal endeavor and not a covenantal promise or a generational call?
- The two points for the sermon were:
 - Grandchildren are REWARDS
 - Grandchildren are RECIPIENTS

What can you recall about each of these points?

What have you "received" from your grandparents?

- As you are called to consider a generational legacy, what do you want to "*leave as an inheritance*" to your grandchildren?
- Pastor Ryan gave some messages to grandparents and the older generation. What else do you think the older generation needs to hear (and can you back up your answer Biblically)?

Read this verse out loud:

Psalm 103:17, But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to his children's children,

- What do you think the big idea or promise is from that verse to grandparents?
- No matter how old you are or how much time (before and since) this sermon has passed, think about your generational legacy that you want to leave.
- What is the picture of your legacy that you want to develop? What does it look like?
- With the close of this sermon series, what have been your big take-a-ways when you consider the godly home and how are you going to incorporate those into your life, family, and home?

CLOSE IN PRAYER//

LEADER//

As you close in prayer, take some time to receive prayer requests from your group. Try to gather a number of these.

Then take the time to pray over two specific areas (and to facilitate a deeper sense of community, encourage everyone to pray.)

1. First, your time of prayer should be a time of lifting up each other's needs and prayer requests to the Lord.
2. Second, your growth group should pray to thank God for his Word and ask for his help as you seek to be *doers* of the Word and not hearers only.

