**Grace Life Schedule**

DATE: GRACE LIFE: KIDS' CLUB:

October 3 Orientation LKC

October 10 Lesson 1: The Glory of God LKC

October 17 No Grace Life – Break LKC

October 24 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

October 31 No Grace Life – Fall Festival No LKC

November 7 Lesson 2: The Aseity of God LKC

November 14 Lesson 3: The Holiness of God LKC

November 21 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

November 28 No Grace Life – Thanksgiving No LKC

December 5 Lesson 4: The Eternality of God LKC

December 12 No Grace Life – Winter Break No LKC

December 19 No Grace Life – Winter Break No LKC

December 26 No Grace Life – Winter Break No LKC

January 2 No Grace Life – Winter Break No LKC

January 9 Lesson 5: The Omnipotence of God LKC

January 16 No Grace Life – Break LKC

January 23 Lesson 6: The Omniscience of God LKC

January 30 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

February 6 Lesson 7: The Omnipresence of God LKC

February 13 No Grace Life – Break LKC

February 20 Lesson 8: The Immutability of God LKC

February 27 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

March 6 No Grace Life – Shepherds' Conference LKC

March 13 Lesson 9: The Sovereignty of God LKC

March 20 Lesson 10: The Transcendence and Immanence of God LKC

March 27 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

April 3 Lesson 11: God Is Truth LKC

April 10 Lesson 12: God Is Love LKC

April 17 No Grace Life – Good Friday No LKC

April 24 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

May 1 Lesson 13: The Grace of God LKC

May 8 No Grace Life – Break LKC

May 15 Lesson 14: The Patience of God LKC

May 22 No Grace Life – Break LKC

May 29 No Grace Life – Flocks No LKC

June 5 Lesson 15: The Goodness of God LKC

**BEFORE WE BEGIN…**

Welcome and thank you so much for participating in this Grace Life Bible study. Perhaps you are here because you simply want to grow in your understanding of God's Word and want to learn more about what the Bible has to say. Perhaps you are here because some friends asked you to walk through the study together. Maybe you are here because you had nothing better to do! Well, whatever the reason, I am thankful you are here and hope that this study will be helpful for you in your spiritual development.

Before we begin, I want you to consider a few things. Read the following passage several times and think through what you are reading. Then read through the questions that follow. These questions are intended to help guide your thinking. My hope is that you will be able to take away as much as possible from this study, but that will only be possible with the Lord's assistance and enablement. Hopefully it will benefit you in your own walk with God and in your ability to be a blessing to others in service. Please think through the questions and answer them honestly and thoughtfully before God after reading the Scripture passage.

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

36 Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

38 Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

40 Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

1. Why are you here at Bible study today?

2. Why do you think you should be here?

3. Is there anywhere else you would rather be?

4. What might hinder you from being completely attentive and engaged in our study together?

5. How can you pray to focus your heart on our time together so that God can help you make the most of this time?

**INTRODUCTION**

The word "awesome" is defined by Merriam-Webster as "causing feelings of fear and wonder." This is undoubtedly a fitting adjective to describe our God. To borrow from the old worship refrain, our God is an awesome God. What is desperately needed in the church today is a greater sense of God's greatness and majesty. In order to preserve the idea that Jesus is our friend, we have adopted perhaps too casual of an attitude towards God. We treat Him like He is our buddy. This casual attitude is sometimes reflected in our prayers. We talk to God like He is anyone else. Of course, we can come to the Lord honestly and pray to Him candidly, but we would do well to remember that we are speaking with the God of the universe and of our lives.

This casual attitude also manifests itself in our casual approach to Sundays. Our worship services have adopted this casualness. People waltz into church consistently late. Even the way we dress is oftentimes embarrassingly casual. This isn't to say that church should be stuffy or follow some rigid liturgy. But when someone walks into church on Sunday morning, there should be a sense of passing through a threshold into the presence of God.

One of my favorite passages in Scripture is Exodus 33:18-23 and 34:4-8. This is the account where Moses asks the Lord to show him His glory. God quickly reminded Moses that no one could see His face and live, but He accommodated His servant by promising to walk by and reveal His back. The next day, when Moses ascended Sinai, the Lord hid him in the cleft of a rock and passed by. As He passed by He proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation."

If Christians today could experience the brief encounter Moses had with the Lord on Sinai, perhaps they would be quick to respond the way Moses did immediately after his meeting. The text says, "And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped" (Exod. 34:8). Moses worshiped because this experience all the more helped him to understand what an awesome God he served. He knew it from what he was able to see, but perhaps he knew it more from what he was able to hear. God's own words revealed to Moses who He was and what He was like.

Considering this, perhaps we have something much closer to Moses than we might have originally suspected. I would argue that we have something even greater in the Bible we possess. We enjoy the incalculable privilege of holding the completed revelation of God's Word. Everything God has desired to communicate to us is perspicuously written in the Bible. Moses received a couple sentences, but we have received sixty-six books! Moses looked forward to the fulfillment of God's promises. We get to live on this side of the cross and look back on much of what God fulfilled in Christ.

Living in such privileged position with our access to the God of the Scriptures, we would be remiss to ignore the incredible benefit afforded us. Shouldn't we be doing all we can to gain more of Him, to know Him more and be more intimately acquainted with God our Savior? This year, our Grace Life family ministry will be walking through a study of God. Our hope is that through this time together we will develop a greater appreciation and deeper worship, that the thought of God would evoke in us feelings of fear and wonder!