

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live . . . then they can train the younger women. Titus 2:3-5

Have you every noticed that there is no such thing as play dates or play groups for moms of tweens and teens?

Yet moms of older children need as much encouragement and wisdom as those with ones still in diapers. Grace Chats offers an opportunity for moms of tweens and teens to get together to discuss what life is really like parenting older kids while also gaining valuable, biblically based resources to use in their parenting.

- ✓ Convenient Location: The ideal setting for Grace Chats is in a comfortable and private space, such as a home or a gathering room at a church where women can socialize and also find a seat for a short discussion time.
- ✓ Date & Time: A bi-monthly meeting time, with a 2-hour commitment, is ideal.
- ✓ Mentors Leader & Host: A Grace Chats group needs only two moms to get started -- one to host and one to lead the discussion. Ideally, the leader should have teenage or older children and should complete one of the M2B Mentoring Training Courses.
- √ Tea: Provide lots of hot water and a collection of tea bags
 for the women to grab upon their arrival. Keep it simple!
- √ Topics & Truth: Pick a Topics & Truth free download to
 work through in about 25 minutes, discussing the main
 points and leaving time for discussion.
- ✓ Time to Chat: After presenting the topic, invite the moms to share their questions and also offer their input.

 Carefully guide this time by encouraging each person to listen more than advise. Also, encourage the moms indicate whether they simply want to be heard or if they want the input of others.
- ✓ Prayer: Close the time in prayer with a clear reminder that "what is shared in this room, stays in this room...if is not your story, then it isn't yours to retell either." After prayer, encourage the moms to get a second cup of tea and enjoy chatting with each other.

Hosting Grace Chats group is a wonderful way to connect with other moms of teens while inspiring them to not give up on parenting with biblical values. By the way, it could be really neat to have a Grace Chats group meet at the same time as ETC or Mugs & Mornings!



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If you decide to launch a group, come join the <u>M2B Mentoring Network</u> so that we can support you. If you have any questions, please contact our founder, Lisa Pulliam, by phone or email <u>more@moretobe.com</u>.