

### **Recommended Reading**

*God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas Kostenberger

*Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem (Ch. 37)

*Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood,*

John Piper & Wayne Grudem (ed.) (Ch. 13)

*Father, Son, & Holy Spirit* by Bruce Ware

*Knowing God* by J.I. Packer (Ch. 19)

*Children of the Living God* by Sinclair Ferguson

*Adopted into God's Family* by Trevor J. Burke

## **Parenthood** *Week 2*

### **The Ministry of the Family**

#### **Course outline:**

Week 1 – God's Purpose for the Family

**Week 2 – The Ministry of the Family**

Week 3 – Family Worship

Week 4 – Getting to the Heart of Behavior

Week 5 – Formative Discipline: Our Words to Their Hearts

Week 6 – What to Do When You Can't Reach the Heart

Week 7 – Corrective Discipline: The Rod of Correction

Week 8 – Boys & Fatherhood

Week 9 – Girls & Motherhood

Week 10 – Panel discussion

Week 11 – Children, Technology & Social Media

Week 12 – Zealous Spiritual Parenting

Week 13 – Lessons Kids (and Adults) Need to Learn: Proverbs

- I. Review – The family is central to God's revelation**
  - a. Presents a portrait of God Himself and a portrait of the purpose of the gospel.**
  - b. A family cultivating the characteristics in these 2 portraits is vital to the family's health, growth, and ministry.**
  
- II. The family ministers to the local church.**
  - a. The family presents a portrait of what the church ought to be, and as it becomes more like that portrait, it increasingly ministers to the local church.**

**Romans 12:10; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 & 10-11, 4:9-10; 1 Timothy 3:4-5 & 14-15, 5:1-2; James 2:15-16; 1 Peter 4:17; 1 John 3:17. Places Paul, Peter, John refer to church members as brothers: Romans 15:30; 2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 6:23; Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 1:4, 4:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 2:10, 3:13-19**

- b. A beautiful symbiosis – the family blesses the church and the church blesses the family**

**III. The family ministers to the world - We should view building strong families as a form of ministry to the world.**

**Matthew 5:13-16 & 44-45; 6:10, 22:39; Luke 6:34-36; Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 2:12**

- a. Evangelism and the home:**
  - i. Evangelism through church outreach.**
  - ii. Evangelism of relatives.**
  - iii. Evangelism of neighbors – inside or outside the home.**
  - iv. Missions.**
- b. Ministering acts of kindness.**
- c. The significance of the home—and homemakers—in Scripture**
  - i. Proverbs 31**
  - ii. John 14:2-4**
  - iii. Titus 2:5**
- d. The ministry of having children**
  - i. Psalm 127:3-5 – what do we do with arrows?**