



## **Parenthood**

### **Week 1**

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#### **Recommended Reading:**

*God, Marriage, and Family* by Andreas Kostenberger

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

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

*Children of the Living God* by Sinclair Ferguson

#### **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 – Technology, the Internet, and Social Media

Week 12 – Zealous Spiritual Parenting

Week 13 – Lessons Kids Need to Learn: Proverbs

#### **God’s Purpose for the Family**

##### **I. Significance of the Family**

###### **A. Three views from the world**

§ **Children as idols**

§ **Children as tools**

§ **Children as obstacles**

###### **B. God’s view**

**Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 9:7, Psalm 127:3-5. 128:1-4,  
Malachi 2:14-16, 4:5-6**

§ **Scripture teaches that a primary purpose of the family is nothing less presenting the whole world with a series of three portraits— of God’s triune nature, the Gospel, and the church.**

§ God's first command to humans  
Genesis 1:27-28

C. But what about sin?

II. The family is central to God's revelation.

A. The family presents a portrait of God Himself  
Triune relationship – Matthew 3:17, 17:5; John 5:19-20, 10:30, 15:9,  
17:22-26, Ephesians 3:14-15

B. The family presents a portrait of the purpose of the Gospel

Exodus 4:22-23; Psalm 103:13; Isaiah 49:14-16; Jeremiah 31:9 & 20;  
Hosea 11:1; Matthew 6:9, 7:11, Matthew 12:48-50; Luke 15:11-32;  
Romans 8:15-19; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews  
2:10-13, 12:5-11; 1 John 3:1-3

C. The family presents a portrait of the church

Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 & 10-11, 4:9-10; 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 5:1-2; 1 Peter 4:17. Places Paul & Peter refers 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