

Parenthood

Week 3

Family Worship

Recommended Reading

What the Bible Says About Parenting by John MacArthur (Ch. 3)
Family Worship: In the Bible, In Church History, and In Your Home
by Don Whitney
Rediscovering the Lost Treasure of Family Worship
by Jerry Marcellino

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

- **What is worship?**
 - **The essential concept in Scripture is service to God, with an attitude of fear and adoring awe and wonder.**
 - **Rom. 12:1**

- **Does the Bible say families should worship God this way?**
 - **Where? Deut. 6:1-2**
 - **How? Deut. 6:6-9**

 - **We learn from these passages that God’s will for His people is that they and their children worship Him, meaning that they serve Him with every fiber of their being, in an attitude of awe and love, and that this requires His Word to be upon parents’ hearts so they impress these commands on their children everywhere they go, during every part of the day.**

· **Family worship requires daily teaching.**

○ **Formal Daily Teaching Can be Wise.**

§ **Examples in Church history**

- **First Christians**
- **Martin Luther**
- **Second London Confession**
- **Matthew Henry**
- **Spurgeon**

○ **What should a family teaching-worship service be like?**

§ **Charles Spurgeon: “I agree with Matthew Henry when he says, ‘They that pray in the family do well; they that pray and read the Scriptures do better; but they that pray, and read, and sing do best of all.’”**

§ **Bible reading**

§ **Prayer**

§ **Singing**

§ **Overall keys: brevity, regularity, and flexibility**

○ **Daily teaching certainly must be informal.**

§ **God’s word is to be our constant subject of conversation.**

§ **It is not easy to keep God’s word as our constant subject of conversation, so we need reminders.**

§ **If God’s Word is to be our constant subject of conversation, we need to be together so that we can have those conversations.**

· **Family worship requires our own radical change.**

○ **Teaching our children God’s word 24-7, to train our children to have hearts that long for awe-inspired service toward God, is only truly done when we are simply passing on what is already overflowing in our own hearts.**

○ **Example of Timothy**

○ ***Parents* as sponges**