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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

**Core Seminars – Christian Life  
Parenthood****Week 1****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**

- 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**

**C. But what about sin?**

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

**A. The family presents a portrait of God Himself**

**C. The family presents a portrait of the church**

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