

### **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

### **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

## **Core Seminars – Christian Life Parenthood Week 2**



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

- **Review – significance of children**
  - **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.**
  
- **Two important caveats**
  - **The significance of marriage**
  
  
  - **The limits of the family in God's plan of revelation**

- **The family ministers to the local church**
  - **A well-ordered family is a powerful, God-ordained, universal witness to the church of what it ought to be.**
  - **The theme of I Timothy**
    - **“I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household” (I Tim. 3:15)**
  - **A beautiful symbiosis – the family blesses the church and the church blesses the family**
  - **A question for singles**
  - **A question for mothers**
  - **A question for parents**
- **The family ministers to the world**
  - **Preparation for the Gospel**
- **Satan’s attack**
  - **It seems he wants to disintegrate and distort the family beyond recognition so that the Gospel is as inaccessible to people as possible.**
  - **Example: gender interchangeability**
- **Our view**
  - **We should view building strong families as a form of ministry, and opening our homes to non-Christians as an increasingly valuable evangelistic opportunity.**
  - **The significance of the home—and homemakers—in Scripture**
    - **Proverbs 31**
    - **John 14:2-4**
    - **Titus 2:5**
  - **The significance of the home in evangelism**
    - **At CHBC**
    - **Worldwide**
  - **The ministry of having children**
- **Conclusion – the family as a gulf stream**