

Your Family, Your Church & the World

- 1. Designed by God - The Origins of Family - John 17 - Sept 17**
 - a. How significant is it that Jesus referenced God as Father more than any other title?
 - b. Consider the Father's words to His Son in Matt 3:17, 17:5.
 - c. Explain the unity in mission and glory between the Father and Son. John 17:1-5.

- 2. Broken by Sin – the fracturing of family bonds - Genesis 3-4 - Sept 24**
 - a. How are our relationships affected by sin? Read Gen. 3:1-19 & 4:1-9.
 - b. What do Cain's words reveal about sin's impact on relationships? Gen. 4:9
 - c. What hope does God offer in Genesis 3:15?

- 3. Unfriendly Fire – the forces against the family (part 1) - Matt. 4 - Oct. 1**
 - a. Have Satan's tactics changed? Gen. 3:1-7, Matt. 4:1-11
 - b. Why are Satan's lies so appealing? Gal. 5:16-26
 - c. How are our families affected by embracing Satan's lies? Rom. 1:18-32

- 4. Unfriendly Fire – the forces against the family (part 2) - Eph. 4 - Oct. 8**
 - a. Consider these modern trends and their effects on the family:
 - i. Delayed Adolescence - Heb. 5:11-14, Eph. 4:11-16
 - ii. Individualism - 1 John 3:1-3, Acts 2:44, 4:32
 - iii. Affluence - 1 Tim. 6:17-19, Deut. 8:11-20

- 5. Church & Family - Competition or Cooperation? (part 1) - 1 Timothy 3 - Oct 15**
 - a. Is significant church involvement at odds with family flourishing? 1 Tim. 3
 - b. How do we understand Jesus' words in Matthew 10:37-39?
 - c. How can we embrace "Service" as a dominant life principle? Joshua 24:15

- 6. Church & Family - Competition or Cooperation? (part 2) - 2 Timothy 3 - Oct 22**
 - a. How do we facilitate the following values for our families? What is the role of the church and the family in instilling these values?
 - i. Truth - 2 Timothy 3:10-17, John 8:31-32
 - ii. Community - 1 Thess. 5:12-22, John 13:34-35
 - iii. Engagement - Gal. 5:22-26, John 15:8,16

- 7. Hard Sayings - Jesus on the Family - Luke 14 - Oct 29**
 - a. What is the division between families Jesus speaks of? Luke 12:49-53
 - b. What cost is Jesus asking His followers to consider? Luke 14:25-27
 - c. Who are Jesus' mother and brothers? Matthew 12:46-50

- 8. The Family of God – Some eternal perspective - Eph. 2 - Nov. 5**
 - a. Consider the eternity of our relationship with God in light of:
 - i. The Miracle of Birth - John 1:1-5, 3:1-21
 - ii. The Sacredness of Marriage - Matt. 19:3-6, 22:23-33, Eph. 5
 - iii. Sisters & Brothers - Eph 2:11:22, Rev. 7:9-17