All In – God's Ideal Family Colossians 3:18-4:1

How does God redeem the world one family at a time?

Christian families incarnate the redemptive values of Christ through each member's specific roles in...

- **I.** Marriage (husbands and wives): from conflictive competition to complementary collaboration Col. 3:18-19
 - a. Wives: submit to your husbands
 - b. Husbands: love your wives
- **II.** Parenting (children and parents): from authoritarian imposition to encouraging direction Col. 3:20-21.
 - a. Children: obey your parents
 - b. Fathers: do not provoke your children
- III. Civil Society (slaves-masters): from forced slavery to mutual service Col. 3:22-4:1.

A Christian family is an embassy of heaven Restoring God's image in a fallen world Be God's picture of hope!

God's ideal family

- 1. If you are married: What does God want to reveal your spouse through your interaction with them about his character? How does he want to use you to fulfill his redemptive purposes in your family?
- 2. If you are a son or daughter or have children, how does God want to reveal himself through your interaction with your parents and siblings? How does he want to use you to fulfill his redemptive purposes in your family?