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THEOLOGY OF MISSIONAL PARENTING

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Course Description

Parenting is hard. Hard to do and even harder to define. As our children grow and develop they need us to change and grow with them. Trying to navigate those changes can be a thrilling, confusing and at times discouraging process. We are all groping for models. Yet, we work from flawed examples and frivolous advisors. There are plenty of voices telling us what to do, but few helping us understand how God is at work through and over it all. Jesus' primary revelation of God is as Father. This means we can look to the work of theology itself for a trustworthy parenting framework. God as parent becomes the basis for this class and its surrounding discussions. We will explore the intersection between theology, contemporary research science, and our practical struggle to be the parents our children need.

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| June 7 | God as Parent: Discipleship and the pursuit of God in the life of parents. |
| June 14 | God and Goodness: Morality, consistency and hypocrisy in the life of parents. |
| June 21 | God and Holiness: Discipline, justice and growth through adversity. |
| June 28 | God and Love: Love as the panacea of parenting. |
| July 5 | God and Mission: Leading and including our kids in mission and the heart of God. |
| July 12 | God and Presence: The dynamic of presence and absence, adaptation and empowerment. |
| July 19 | God and Sovereignty: Responsiveness and trust through the stages and changes of life. |
| July 26 | God as Trinity: Marriage and community in the life our children. |

Essential Texts

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