

# The Theology of Home

# Discovering the Foundation for a God-Honoring Home

## The Home is designed to be an <u>Illustration</u> of the <u>Gospel</u>.

The Theology of Home – Three Critical Components

#### 1. Show Christ.

Every marriage is intended to be a masterpiece reflecting the marriage between God and His people.

As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. **Ephesians 5:31–33 (NLT)** 

#### 2. Raise Believers.

Those blessed with the gift of children are called to inspire and nurture next generation faith as life's greatest priority.

These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NASB)

#### 3. <u>Be</u> Jesus.

A strong family attracts the next generation and next-door-neighbor to Christ as The Word becomes Flesh and Blood.

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. **1 John 3:16 (NLT)** 

# The Home is designed to be <u>Incarnational</u>, the Gospel in the <u>Flesh</u>.

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:14 (NLT)

### The Home is designed to be Intentional; it takes work.

By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. **Proverbs 24:3-4 (ESV)** 

**Going deeper on you own:** It is impossible to simply stumble into having a God-honoring home. We must be intentional and establish a plan. This week we would like to challenge you to take an assessment to evaluate your home life and then develop a plan to be more intentional at living out an incarnational faith. The assessment and plan are in the 120 Day of Intentionality handout located in our Home Life Center. The handout is also available in the online Home Life Center at *www.CenterPointChurch.com* under the Resources tab. Be sure to check out the other resources in our re-designed Home Life Center. Each month we'll provide a monthly focus to help you in maintaining a God-honoring home. Our Home Life Resources are available to you both on campus an on the CPC website for access at any time, no matter where you are.