



Theology of the Family (TH440) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for TH440

In this course, students will learn the theological underpinnings of the family and the practical applications of the theology of the family within the counseling environment.

II. Required Reading

George C. Scipione, *The Battle for the Biblical Family*, 2nd Ed., (Pittsburgh, PN: Crown and Covenant, 2018).

Douglas Wilson, *Reforming Marriage*, (Moscow, ID: Canon Press, 2009).

III. Lectures

John D. Street, [*Marriage and Family Counseling*](#).

IV. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. **Complete the assigned reading.**
2. **Watch/listen the assigned lectures.**
3. **Write a two to three page reflection paper on chapter nine in *The Battle for the Biblical Family*.** A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions “Did you agree with the claims of the author?,” “What did you learn?,” “What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?” Footnote all citations. For further help consult [How to Write a Reflection Paper](#).
4. **Write a two to three page reflection paper on chapter two of *Reforming Marriage*.**
5. **Write a five to eight page research paper which explores the relevance of marriage to the relationship between Christ and his church.** Include a discussion of the modern debate pertaining to so-called same-sex marriage and address how a theology of marriage should impact both the function of the local church and an individual Christian marriage. Include at least five citations from sources other than the assigned reading. Include a title page, bibliography, and footnote all citations.