## The Family Crown

Gen 3:1-6, Deut 6:4-9, Mark 1:14-18, Matthew 13:44

- Every family <u>STRUGGLES</u> because each of us tries to RULE over our own lives.
- Our family can make God our King...
  - By knowing and obeying His WORD.
  - o By surrendering our lives to FOLLOW Jesus as King.
  - Because Jesus gave up His <u>GLORY</u> to bear our PUNISHMENT on the cross.



## FURTHER UP FURTHER IN

- 1. What are some memories of your family growing up that were formative for you? Why was this the case?
- 2. Read Genesis 3:1-6. What do we see about Satan's strategies for deceiving Adam and Eve? How does he do the same thing today? How can we guard against this?
- 3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9. What does it look like to make God's Word more a regular part of our family life this week?
- 4. As families, how can we build one another into our church? As a church, how can we build one another into our families?
- 5. Read Mark 1:14-15 and Mark 1:16-18. What was Jesus' central message? How did He communicate this?
- 6. What are some ways that you would like to grow this month to be a more Christlike member of your family? What relationships do you need to focus on?
- 7. Read Matthew 13:44. What is the main point of this parable? Why is the man's joy important? How can we live this out?
- 8. Read Matthew 13:31-33. How does the slow and steady growth of God's kingdom encourage you? How do you see this in your life?

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