

## **First Quarter** *September 13 – October 11*

**Dr. Kevin Eames:**

### **Redeeming Sex: A Biblically Faithful Exploration of Human Sexuality**

From Genesis to Revelation Scripture tells a story of God's design and plan for male and female, living together as God's people in singleness and in marriage, in community and in their God-given vocations in creation. Unfortunately, this beautiful story is buttressed on either side by two opposing but unbiblical views of human sexuality. The Church has long struggled on how to approach sex, from the early church to the more recent embrace of so-called 'purity culture.' But what if sex is not about a list of rules, a set of do's and don'ts? What if sex is about God and who God is and about God's good intention for creation? Conversely, the world offers a free-for-all sexuality that places supreme value on the self and views any kind of sexual self-restraint as repressive and unhealthy. How should we think about this new landscape of sexuality: same-sex attraction and practice, gender dysphoria and confusion? Ultimately, our approach to human sexuality must be God-centered, not human-centered. Join us as we seek to understand this God-centered vision so as to not miss out on this beautiful gift that God intends for all His people.

**Scott Bowen:**

### **The Tech-Wise Family**

You might have heard of the existence of a school in Silicon Valley that is entirely technology free - no computers, no phones, no iPads mandatory for students. Who would send their kids to such a school? Interestingly, the school is disproportionately populated by children of executives at companies like Apple, Google, etc... Clearly they know something that we might miss, namely the negative side effects that accompany the many benefits of technology and devices. Over our 4 weeks together, we will try to name some of these side-effects and think about what it looks like to live as individuals and families who manage technology in ways that are practical, healthy and wise. While you don't have to read it, Andy Crouch's Tech-Wise Family will guide much of our discussion (and would be well worth your time).

**Andy Cornett:**

### **Leadership for Renewal** *(will continue into second quarter)*

You have 168 hours a week. In them you eat and sleep, work and play, read and think, struggle and sorrow, laugh and love. What does God have to do with all those different spheres of our life and culture? How does he care for them, and how does he lead us to cultivate life and community for the good of others?

We'll spend the fall semester working through four big realities: creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. We'll do it in a way that equips you to be part of a pioneer team to lead others in a community this spring with a focus on a particular domain of life - like arts, athletics, or academics. All for the good of our neighbors and the glory of God.

Team taught by Andy Cornett and Carter Newbold. If interested, please talk to Andy first for some pre-course info and material.