**1 Peter 2:9-17**

**“The Christian Family”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. How much of a fan of The Lord of the Rings are you? Lord of what? Somewhat. Or, I’ve watched all the extended episodes multiple times.
2. What analogies to the Christian life are brought out in the LOTR books and movies?
3. When you think about the “ring that rules them all” or selfishness, how has that manifested itself in your life and family life?
4. Read Colossians 3:11-13. How does this help us address the “alien” person that our spouse, parent or child has become in the midst of conflict or difficulties?
5. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Explain how we get from “Do not judge” to “remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”
6. How is the central purpose of marriage and family the same and different from the central purpose of life?
7. The summary of the gospel is this, I’m fundamentally flawed and infinitely loved. Why is it so hard for us to really believe this in our everyday interactions? How can we help each other live it out?
8. How can we pray for each other to live out these things more effectively? Share some personal victories and destructive tendencies that the group can pray with you about.