



The Six Great Ends of the Church

Learning Mini-Series

DISCUSSION OUTLINE: GREAT END #2

The Shelter and Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

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Series Information:

This learning mini-series is sponsored by The Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington. It consists of seven videos in the “Ted Talk” presentation style. A discussion outline accompanies each of the Six Great Ends presentations. The presentations and presenters are:

- **Series Introduction:** *Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson*
 - **The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind:** *Rev. Dr. Rob Erickson*
 - **The Shelter and Nurture and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God:**
Rev. Emilee Williams
 - **The Maintenance of Divine Worship:** *Rev. Dr. Jacob Bolton*
 - **The Preservation of the Truth:** *Rev. Becca Messman*
 - **The Promotion of Social Righteousness:** *Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey*
 - **The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World:** *Rev. Dr. Raymond I. Hylton, Sr.*
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Discussion Outline:

- I. Find the mission statement for this congregation and read it aloud. How does it compare to the Six Great Ends? Similar or not?

- II. Do you agree that the Great Ends need to work in unity? Do you see any that you think could stand alone?

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- III. What do you think Shelter means in the context of this statement? Is protection the primary goal of shelter? What else is shelter?
- IV. What do you think Nurture means in the context of this statement? Especially, is something other than growth fostered as a part of Nurture?
- V. What do you think Spiritual Fellowship means in the context of this statement? How is unity a part of this fellowship?
- VI. Overall, do you consider this an “inward looking” statement that deals only with ourselves. Who are the children of God?
- VII. Are other statements in the Six Great Ends more focused on others outside “the children of God”?