

FAMILY UPDATES

- Budgeted for week 2 \$18,270
- Accumulated income \$ 8,681
- Encourage each other to give with a grateful heart
- Encourage each other to give regularly

- Leader's meeting, Monday 23rd
- Meet with leaders and complete/discuss the template

- Jeff traveling to Myanmar, Nepal, and now India with CNI Bishops

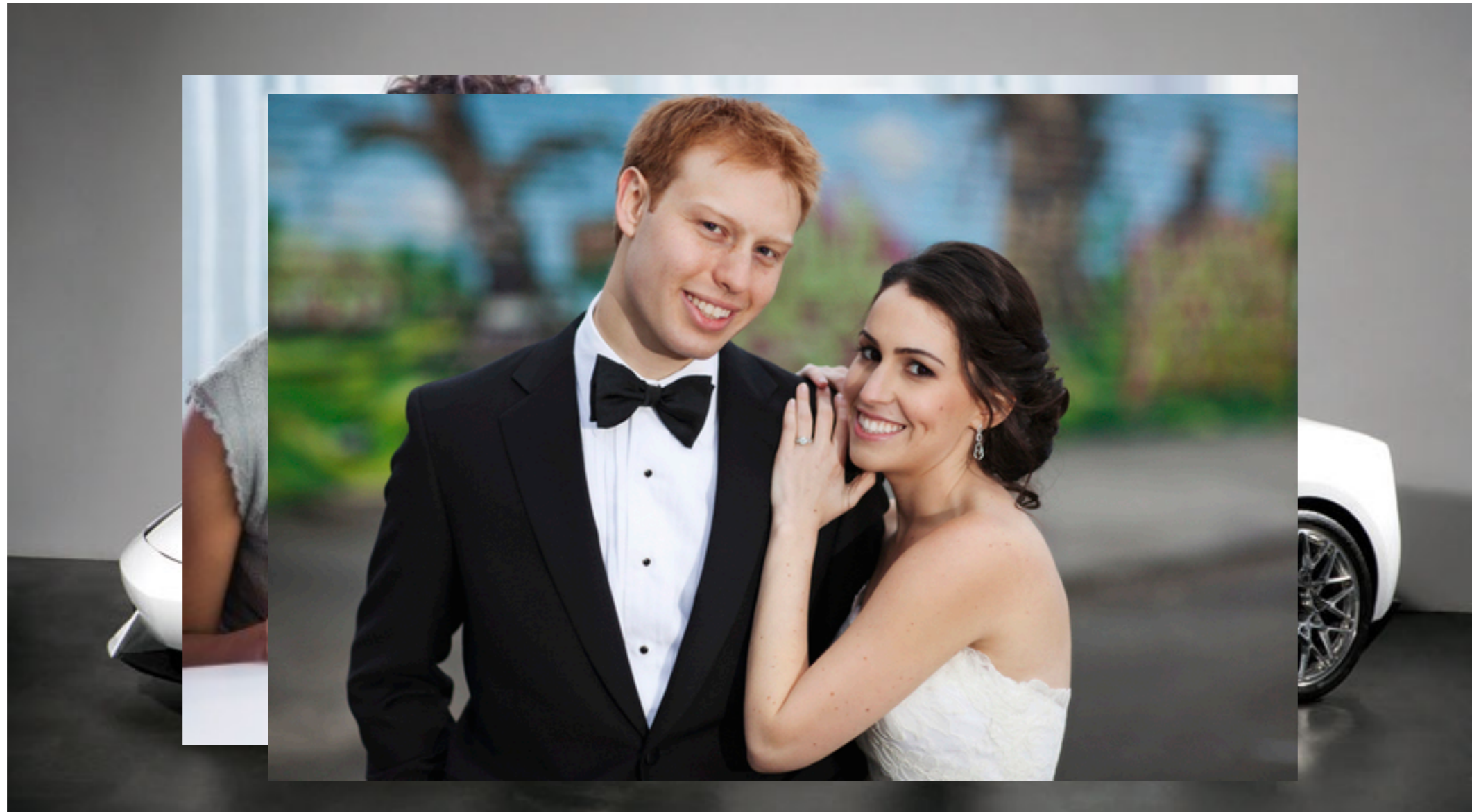




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- Have been taught on the subject:
 - September 18th
 - September 25th
 - October 30th
 - November 13th
 - November 20th
 - November 27th
- Haven't addressed the question: *why?*



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- Theology in Culture is...
 - ...the task of mastering the scriptures...
 - ...while bringing clarity to our churches who are living/ working within and seeking the welfare of our culture. It is...
 - ...solving problems and meeting pressing needs within our generation for generations to come.



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- “You are the salt of the earth”; “You are the light of the world” (Mt 5.13,14)
- “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Mt 10.16)
- “Love your neighbors as yourselves” (Mt 22.39)
- “Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith” (Ga 6.10)
- “Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone” (Co 4.5-6)
- “[Jesus] gave himself for us to ... purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds” (Tt 2.14)
- “Let people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs, so that they may not be unproductive” (Tt 3.14)



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- Why Theology in Culture?
 - Michael: “Christ’s principles are to be lived out in our communities, bringing hope and restoration to people’s lives.”



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- Why Theology in Culture?
 - Jeff: “We’re not established in the gospel if we don’t follow the teaching.” (...)
 - Michael: “Christ’s principles must be integrated into our churches’ and individual’s lives, or else our faith is actually dead.”



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- Theology in Culture is...
 - ...becoming fully established in our faith...
 - ...and understanding needs and problems of the time and place we live in...
 - ...so we can apply our faith to address those needs and solve those problems.



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Discussion

- Why is it important for our church to be discussing theology in culture?
- Why is it important for Ames and Des Moines?
- What does our individual role, family role, and church role have to do with Theology in Culture?

