



1. Reflect on the 8 messages from the **Relationships that Work** series and write out what has uniquely impacted you.

2. Why is parenting so critical and controversial?

3. Read Ephesians 6:1. What does it mean for children to “obey” their parents?

a. Why is teaching kids obedience to parents a way of **servicing** our children?

4. Read Ephesians 6:2-3. In the sermon you learned the word “honor” includes the idea of **value** and **worth**. How does this inform our understanding of honoring parents?

a. Whose job is it to teach children to honor their parents? Why?

b. What do we see in Romans 1:29-30 and 2 Timothy 3:1-2 regarding the parent/child relationship?

c. What promise is given to children who honor their parents? Why do kids need to know this?

d. What does it mean to honor our parents as kids versus adults?



5. What is the difference between being child-centered, parent-centered, and God-centered in your parenting?

a. If you are a parent, when you're struggling do you lean more toward **child-centered** or **parent-centered** parenting? Why?

b. Why is the only loving option to parent is in a God-centered way?

6. From the sermon, explain how the following promote God-centered parenting (if you're a parent: assess how you are doing in each area):

a. Parental Unity –

b. Taking Charge –

c. Encouraging Spiritual Priorities –

d. Relational Bonding –

e. Gospel-Centeredness –

7. If you don't have children – how can you encourage children in our church to honor their parents?

