

Lesson 4: Culture of honor
EPCC Servers Discipleship

Introduction : In EPCC we believe in serving with a culture of honor. In this session of our servers discipleship track we want to learn do we serve with the culture or honor.

1. WHAT IS HONOR?

- a. In the Bible the Greek word for honor is Timao' and it means "To assign _____ to something/ someone "
- b. The Webster dictionary defines honor as: estimation; respect, _____, veneration.
- c. To honor someone is to regard him/her in high _____ or to _____ him or her with admiration.

2. WHAT IS THE _____ OF HONOR?

- a. Culture of Honor is a _____ of honor, grounded in a belief system and vision held strongly in EPCC by all servers and leaders.
- b. It is living out the _____ of respect and reverence among people we are serving with.

3. WHO DO WE HONOR?

1 Peter 2:17 (NRSV)

"Honor _____. Love the _____ of believers. Fear _____. Honor the _____."

1. Honor _____.

(You can see Peter exhorts us to honor not just leaders like and emperor but everyone.)

Honor _____ means; even those under your leadership, our those not in leadership, your brothers/sisters, parents, to children, friends, enemies, employers/ employees, everyone.

_____ **family** of believer.

_____/ Respect **God**.

_____ the **emperor**/ those who are in authorities.

Can you see honor across _____ Relationship and _____ Relationship? That is who we should give honor to.

2. Honor those in _____,

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NLT

[12] Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your _____ in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you _____.

[13] Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live _____ with each other.

Leaders are those who work hard and give you _____.-

There are people who The Lord has given in our life to help us grow in our journey of faith, Bible say we must _____ them.

4. HOW DO WE BUILD A CULTURE OR HONOR.

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in _____. _____ one _____ above yourselves.

1. Let _____ be the guiding principles.

There can never be honor without love, how do we love one another? we have to first know we are loved, in order for us to love, question is how do we know?

Romans 5:5 NLT

[5] And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the _____ to fill our _____ with his love.

(David honor Saul because he love Saul, although he Saul tried to kill him 21times, but David still honored Saul, and say to his people “ we must not touch God’s anointed”)

2. Don’t be _____.

Romans 12:3-5 NLT

[3] Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. [4] Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, [5] so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Don’t think of yourself more highly then he ought to. Why? Because we are many parts belong to this body, and we need each other.

Example : Come on time, Come prepared.

3. Make others _____.

Look out for the interest and success of _____.

Philippians 2:4 NLT

[4] Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

Example Paul + John Mark.

Act 13:13 Mark left them at Pamphylia

Act 15: 36-40 Paul spit ways with Barnabas because of Mark.

2 Timothy 4:11 NLT

[11] Only Luke is with me. Bring Mark with you when you come, for he will be helpful to me in my ministry.

5. HOW DOES HONOR LOOKS LIKE.

1. Recognizes each person for their unique contribution.
2. Celebrates others accomplishments and progress.
3. Covers the shortcomings of others instead of exposing their faults or mistakes.
4. Follow through with what they commit to do.
5. Show kindness and respect through the tone of their voice and non-verbal communication.
6. Practice active listening during conversation.
7. Has welcoming, loving spirit and attitude, consistent without judgement.
8. Is on time, or even a few minutes early.
9. Encourage everyone by noticing the "gold" in them.
10. Value every person just where they are.
11. Doesn't interrupt or finish others thoughts.
12. Keep personal conversations private and confidential.
13. Respects every person as a unique, favored child of God.
14. Takes the blame rather than giving blame.
15. Seek to understand before seeking to be understood.

Question 1

- a. What do you understand about honor?
- b. Who does the Bible say we should honor?

Question 2

How do we build a culture of honor?

Question 3

- a. Share 5 example of how honor looks like.
- b. Which speaks to you most, and why?