

10 *COMMANDMENTS*

Sunday June 9th

LET'S TALK:

Is honouring parents a part of your culture? What guidelines for honouring parents are considered acceptable in your culture?

Do you have any particularly fond memories of your parents? Does that help your perception of God as father?

LET'S STUDY:

Read Deuteronomy 5:16 and Ephesians 6:1-3.

This command is unique because it is the only one followed up with a promise/reason for observing it. What is the reason?

Why would a society that honours their parents survive longer than one that doesn't?

Read Hebrews 12:9-10.

Honouring requires appropriate submission to authority. Do you feel resistance to submitting to authority? Why?

Why is it possibly easier to revere and have awe for God if you also already have experience honouring a parent?

Read Proverbs 4:1-13

The home was the prominent arena of learning as Solomon spoke to his children. Why would Solomon be confident in his instructions? How does one 'get wisdom' as it is encouraged in verse 6?

LET'S APPLY:

Discuss how honouring a person's position could be different than honouring a person.

What are ways we can honour our parents, even if loving them is difficult?

What specific thing will you do to honour your parents, (for some this may mean honouring in memory)?

Can you recall a time when 'honouring your father and mother' impacted your relationship with God? How?

Sunder shared a story about a man who took the steps to heal, forgive, and seek reconciliation with his father. Is anyone in your group on that journey? How can group members support each other along the way?

LET'S PRAY:

Praise the Lord for being a perfect Father.

Confess criticism, judgement and/or disrespect felt for earthly parents.

Ask for help to forgive parents and to honour them.

Pray for your parents (emotional, physical and spiritual healing).

BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:

Leviticus 19:1-4 includes "Be holy because God is holy".

Luke 6:36 says "Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

In what areas of your life do you need to improve so that you are more like your Heavenly Father?

God expects his children to be whole, complete, mature, as He is.

What specific things can you do to move towards health in all areas of your life?

C4 Church offers ministries to help you move to a next step, visit <https://www.c4church.com/nextsteps>

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. Our imperfections are nothing to be ashamed of because God's strength is evident in our weaknesses. Spend time thanking Jesus for being the one who redeems and restores.