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**Honouring Our Parents
May 13, 2018**

- 1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.
 - In what ways have we been living like **family** recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming weeks?
 - How have we lived as **servants** to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived **on mission** where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
- 2) What did you find most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this message?
- 3) Read Ephesians 6:1-4.
 - What is the parents primary responsibility in a family? Why are both discipline and instruction necessary in training up children? What happens when parents either overemphasize or neglect to give discipline and instruction?
 - What is the child's responsibility in a family? How does that change as a child grows up and moves out?
- 4) Read Hebrews 12:5-11.
 - How have you experienced God's fatherly discipline? What was it like in the moment? What are your reflections as you look back on that experience?
- 5) Why is honouring our parents the "right thing to do"? What might it look like for an adult child to honour their parent? What hesitations or questions do you have about God's instruction to honour our parents?
- 6) The Good News is that God is the True Parent that we all need and that no earthly parent could fully live up to. Is there any way that you have yet to forgive your parents of their failures, or that you have yet to embrace God as your True Parent?
- 7) **Take Action!** How will you honour your parents this week?



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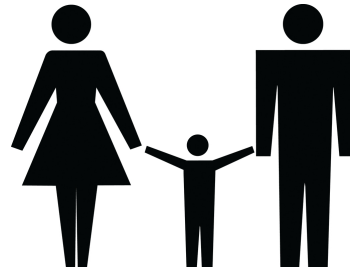
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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Honouring our Parents

With Aaron Richert
May 13, 2018



Ephesians 6:1-4

Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ² “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise: ³ If you honor your father and mother, “things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

🗣️ Family is **God's idea**.

🗣️ The job of a parent: to **“bring them up”** (v.4)

- With **discipline**

For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. (Hebrews 12:10-11)

- With **instruction**

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8, NIV)*

How are children to treat their parents?

🗣️ Children and youth: **obey them** (v. 1)

🗣️ The all-encompassing principle: **honour them.** (v. 2)

“Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12)

To Honour is:

- not a **feeling**, but an **action**.
- not based on **emotion**, but on **decision**.
- not according to **merit**, but according to their God-given **role**.

Big Idea: Honouring our parents is the **right thing** to do.

This week:

🗣️ Look to God to be the **true parent** you need.

🗣️ Think about what **would** honour your parents.

🗣️ Take action.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).