

Life Group Homework  
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LEARNING TO LOVE  
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### Getting to Know You

1. What is something you are passionate about (hobbies, sports, etc.)? How much time and energy do you spend on these passions?

### Going Deeper

1. Read 1 Peter 2:13-25  
What are the different people or groups that we are called to honor in these passages?
2. How does this look in family, marriage, church, and friendships?
3. What keeps us from honoring the different groups of people listed in scripture?  
  
Read Matthew 15:8
4. What does it communicate or reveal about the condition of our heart when we choose to not value (honor) God and what God values?

Honor means to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Positional Value (Honor):** Honor or Value is given simply because of \_\_\_\_\_ and usually directed to an authority.  
Romans 14:11

**Relational Value (Honor):** Relational value is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ valuing of each person in the relationship and the desire to grow in intimacy and trust.

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**Matthew 22:36-39 (NASB95)**

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' 38 This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

**Luke 10:25-29 (NASB 95)**

25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" 27 And he answered, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE." 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

We are called to value \_\_\_\_\_ that God values.

When we don't honor, we are showing \_\_\_\_\_ for the other person.

### **Practical ways we can Value our spouse**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ good communication
  - i. Model respectful listening
  - ii. Be genuinely interested in what your spouse has to say
  - iii. Schedule regular times with the purpose of communicating
  - iv. Make eye contact when talking
  - v. Don't be on your phone when having conversations
  - vi. Have a central location for communication
  
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ your spouse
  
- 3) End the \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage

### **Matthew 13:44-46 (NASB95)**

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

### **1 John 4:18-21 (NASB95)**

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. 19 We love, because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.