Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE

Message: Part 5 - How to Raise Your Parents

May 6, 2018

Connect & Pray (15min)

Icebreakers:

*Describe your Room as a school-aged teenager (age 13-17)

Opening Prayer: Make the Lord's Prayer your Opening Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

LET'S GROW: GOD - shape and grow my character in 2018...

- **a.** What have you been focusing on in your personal *devotions* this past week, and what is 1 way that you have been encouraged, challenged or changed?
- **b.** What are your *personal devotion* plans for this next week? (bible reading/prayer/journaling)

*How can we encourage you in this area?

Sunday Message Feedback (40min)

*Speaker: Pastor Shawn Vandop.

1. Held in High Regard:

Do you have anything that you own that you hold in high regard? Share what it is and how you got it?

- 2. Message Feedback: What is one thing that impacted you from Sunday's Message?
- 3. What is your definition/understanding of HONOUR?

Read the definitions below and then discuss the following questions.

- **a. HONOUR** = putting value on something or someone, to value, respect, or highly esteem, to treat as precious, weighty or valuable
- **b. DISHONOR** = treating something or someone as common / to devalue
 - When you hear the world "Honour" what do you think of? Do you ever think about this word? Do you think our culture teaches, understands and practices honour? Why/why not? Discuss.
 - What are some symptoms our culture is experiencing due to dishonor?
- 4. Why is hard at times to give and show honour? Do you ever find it difficult?
- 5. Read <u>Mark 6:1-6a</u>
 - a. What caused unbelief? (dishonor)
 - **b.** How did a lack of honour impede Jesus' ministry?



6. READ Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1-4

[Optional Video: Honor Your Father & Mother https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pztaLx5ydwU (5min)]

- a. Why do you think GOD put this command in The 10 Commandments?
- b. According to these verses, why should children obey and honour their parents?
- c. Does this command have an expiration date? Or is it to be obeyed all your life? Discuss.
- d. Name a blessing that God gives those who honour their parents?
- e. Read the following verses and discuss what the result of showing dishonor brings upon a person:
 - 1. Exodus 21:15, 17
 - 2. Proverbs 20:20
 - 3. Romans 1:28-32
 - 4. 2 Timothy 3:2
- 7. What do you think of this statement? "Respect is earned but honour is given." Discuss.
- **8. a.** Are we to honour parents who did a lousy job raising their family? Discuss.
 - b. How can one honour a BAD parent?

You choose to. You realize your parents are human and flawed. You choose to forgive. You don't have to honour their actions but you do honour their position.

- a. Why do we honour our parents no matter what they have done or who they are (the answer is in <u>Ephesians 6:1-4</u> – <u>READ it AGAIN!</u>)
 - **b.** If you are a parent how do you teach honour to your kids?

 If you are not a parent how will you teach honour to your kids one day if you become a parent?

Application & Prayer (15min)

A Question of Honour

- Do I honour my family, about whom I know all their faults?
- Do I honour the people I meet in daily life?
- Do I honour the people who I don't feel honour me?
- Do our church ministries honour the people God sets before us?
- Who around you has been dishonored that you can give honour to?
- What adjustments need to be made in your life to show more honour to Jesus?

PRAY: Based on our Discussion...

- a. Let's give THANKS to God
- **b.** How can we pray for you, and perhaps your parents & kids?

EXPLORE – Resources to consider.

<u>Learn How to Honor Your Parents With Pastor Rick Warren</u> - <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=xv8B34owKPQ</u> <u>www.openbible.info/topics/honor</u> <u>www.gotquestions.org/Bible-honor.html</u> <u>www.gotquestions.org/honor-father-mother.html</u>

Announcements

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY

Sun. May 13. Our Special Offering will go towards the ministry of PEARL Life Renewal Society in Chilliwack.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sun. June 3. During the Morning Services. Info & Registration - www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism

PRAYER SUMMIT

Sun. May 27. 6pm-7:30pm. Main Street Auditorium. Worship – Prayer – Communion.

PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Sun. June 3. 6pm-8pm. Chapel. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/partnership

2017 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Wed. June 6. 7pm. Chapel. Refreshments & Childcare provided.