

HONOR!

- **Opening Announcements**
- **Opening Prayer**

Q: What's special to you about your mom?

Q: What's an example of her love, sacrifice, comfort, etc.?

Q: What are some practical ways I can honor my mother daily?

Table Time....

READ: Leviticus 19:1-3 "And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. ³ Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."

Q: What's interesting about this "little" section?

Q: Why...of ALL the things God could have said to "the congregation of the people of Israel"....does He say these things?

Q: On what "level" does God place "reverence" of Father and Mother?

Q: What does "reverence" mean?

READ: Proverbs 1:8-9 "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, ⁹ for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck."

Q: What does verse 8 assume is happening?

Q: What does "not forsake" mean?

Q: What is the "blessing", benefit, etc. of NOT forsaking parental instruction/teaching?

Big GROUP Debrief...

READ: Deuteronomy 6:1-3 "Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey."

Q: WHAT is the "the commandment" (v.1) that the Lord is commanding?

Q: According to verse 2, what's the benefit and how is it similar to the 4th Commandment?

Q: According to verse 3, what's the promise there?

READ: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰ "And when the Lord your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear."

Q: What is the command/strategy here?

Q: How might engaging more deeply in the above, help our children "honor" their God AND father and mother?

Q: How might you "honor" your parents if the relationship is broken?

Q: How might you "honor" your parents if they are no longer alive?

Q: How might you "honor" your parents if the relationship is "good"?

HOMEWORK:

- Grab a copy of our RITE of Mother's Day Blessing and bless your mom!