

The Good Life

Honor your Father and Mother

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"8 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." Proverbs 1:8-9 (ESV)

"22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. 23 Buy truth, and do not sell it; buy wisdom, instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. 25 Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice. 26 My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways." Proverbs 23:22-26 (ESV)

"17 The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures." Proverbs 30:17 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Are you more like your Mom or your Dad? In what ways?
- As you get older do you see yourself becoming more like your parents?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Proverbs 1:8-9. What are some things that your parents have taught you that have stuck with you as you have grown older?
- Why is it considered important that you remember what your parents taught you? What are the benefits?
- Read Proverbs 23:22-26. Why are we supposed to honor our parents?
- Read Proverbs 30:17. Why is the verse so harsh? Have you ever been guilty of mocking your parents?
- How is God like a mother or a father to us?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- Is it harder to show your parents honor as you get older?
- Do you still go to your parents for help or advice?
- Why do you think God expects us to respect our parents?
- How have your parents done their best for you? How did they impact your life?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- What is something you can do to show love and honor to your parents this week?
- How can we pray for our parents?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- Dear God thank you for our parents, that they gave us life and care for us as we grew. We thank you that you are our heavenly Father and that your love never fail us. Amen.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What was a memorable passage from your Life Journal (or other Bible reading plan) reading this past week?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. What good can we do around here (are there any community needs God is calling us to meet)?
4. Pray for one another.

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