

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Discussion Questions 3/19/23

Commandment #5 - Honor Your Parents

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: How often do you think of honor as a verb? Usually when we think of honor, it's the honor bestowed upon others; God, Jesus, rulers, judges, etc. This week we looked at honor in contrast to shame and honor in the way we treat others, more specifically, parents.

Read: Exodus 20:1-12

1. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you". This commandment is the only commandment that comes with a promise. Discuss why this commandment to honor another brings with it a promise for goodness in your own life. What could God be communicating to us in this commandment other than adding a rule to the list?
2. In some cultures, honoring your parents can be as simple as living a life that reflects well on them regardless of the status of your relationship with them (think of living a life that honors the memory of a parent that has passed). How can you live your life in a way that it honors your parents even if you may not have the best relationship with them?
3. Pastor Seth said "If you cannot honor those whose image you bear on earth then what makes you think you'll be able to honor the one whose image you truly and fully bear"? Read Genesis 1:27. Compare bearing the image of your parents (physical traits, personality traits, habits, etc.) and bearing the image of your Creator. What are some traits of both that you strive to reflect in your daily life?
4. In order to know and understand honor, we must also look at shame. Pastor Seth discussed the shame Jesus bore for us while showing honor to the Father. Have you ever had to experience shame in order to show honor? Sometimes honoring another means humbling ourselves, share an example of this in your own life.
5. How we treat our parents as adult children is setting an example for our children. How do you think you're doing in this area of stewardship as a parent to God's children? What are some ways your kids witness you honoring your parents (or elders) that trains them up to

honor you and in turn honor God? (If you don't have children consider people in your life who you have influence over).

Pray: Take some time asking group members to share how you might pray for their relationship with their parents and then pray over each relationship.