

RELATIONSHIP SERIES

family

This discussion guide is meant to provide group leaders with a framework to lead a gospel-centered discussion based off the verses provided. This should be used to guide conversation and push the students closer to the Scriptures.

Week 1 OVERVIEW: Honoring Parents

Series Summary: We are created and designed to be in relation with the people around us. While you can choose your friends, you cannot choose your family. God has uniquely placed each one of us in a family and for the next couple of weeks we will be navigating different types of family relationships and looking at what the Bible has to say about them.

Main Idea: Over the course of a lifetime, the people in our families are the people we see the most and know the deepest. We see each other's flaws, strengths, weaknesses, quirks, etc. Our families see the best of us and the worst of us and God has a lot to say about how we love, respect, and honor each other.

Key Scripture: Exodus 20:12, Colossians 3:20-21, Ephesians 6:1-4, 1 Timothy 5:1-2, 1 Peter 5:5

DISCUSSION

Getting Started

- Share one of your most favorite memories involving your family.
- Share something that you and your parents have fought about.

***Pro tip:** honoring a person has a lot to do with the attitude of your heart towards that person.

Digging Deeper

- Read Exodus 20:12. Why do you think God memorialized this commandment in the 10 commandments?
- How does honoring our parents relate to honoring God?
- Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What does it mean when it says, "honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on earth."
- What does it practically look like to honor your father and mother in everyday life?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2. What could it look like to encourage our Dads? Moms?

Examples of Family in the Bible

- Ruth and Naomi
- Joseph and his brothers