

**Life Group Discussion Questions  
More Than Suggestions**

***Commandment #5 – Honor Your Parents***

**Opportunity for Life Change: We can give the gift of honor to our parents whether they deserve it or not.**

Honor is a gift we give to someone else. We can show honor to people in a variety of ways. God has decided that we are to honor our parents.

Giving honor is not based on the other person as much as it is based on our choice to honor them and be obedient to God.

God knew that the Israelite people would need to respect authority and build strong families if they wanted to live in peace with one another in the Promised Land.

To honor parents was going to be a backbone principle for building strong families. That opportunity still exists today.

**Gathering Together (Icebreaker)**

1. As a Life Group, discuss what you think honoring parents looks like when it is done well.
2. What makes honoring parents so challenging to people in today's culture?

**Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)**

1. What are some of the emotions that arise in people when they think about giving honor to someone who may not deserve it?
2. Read **Ephesians 4:29**. How we speak about and to our parents is a big deal. How does this verse influence the words we use in connection to our parents and showing them honor?
3. Read **James 1:19**. How does this verse help us with honoring our parents? How could it help children to see life from the perspective of their parents?
4. How could it help to see your parents from God's viewpoint? Read **Psalms 139:13-16**. How do these verses enhance our ability to show honor to our parents?
5. Forgiveness is a choice. Forgiving our parents for their shortcomings can be hard but also very freeing. Read **Colossians 3:12-13**. How can forgiveness help the process of honoring our parents?

6. Read through **Genesis 8-9**. Noah was in a vulnerable situation based on his own poor choices. How did his three sons respond to the situation? Did all three demonstrate honor to their father? If so, how? If not, how?

## 7. Commitment...

- a) Will you speak courteously about and to your parents?
- b) Will you consider situations from your parent's perspective?
- c) Will you appreciate your parents from God's viewpoint?
- d) Will you forgive your parents for painful shortcomings?

### **Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)**

1. Which one of these commitments are you willing to prayerfully apply to your life?
  
2. How can this Life Group hold you accountable to implementing that commitment in your life?

### **Group Prayer Time (Supplication)**

Pray that we will be encouraged to honor our parents in new ways. Pray that as we honor our parents, the children in our life will see a great example to follow when it comes time for them to show honor to us. Pray that broken relationships can be restored and healed.