



In Person & Zoom Community Group Lesson – October 16 & 19, 2022

Commandment #5 - Honour your Father and Mother

Main Point

- You must respect your father and your mother

Scripture

- “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12

Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

Praise and Worship

- Ancient of Days – Pastor Loran
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBcP11CgUIM>

Memory Verse

- 1 John 5:3
 - “In fact, here is what it means to love God. We love Him by obeying His commands. And His commands are not hard to obey.”

Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned the importance of taking a Sabbath day of rest, just like God did when he created the world
- How did you take time this past week to rest and take a Sabbath day? What did you do? How did you spend time with God?

Lesson

- Does anyone have an idea what honour or respect means?
 - Honour means acting in a way that someone else is important; this starts with an attitude but it’s also something that we do, act or behave when we are around that person.
 - Respect means you accept somebody for who they are, even when you don’t agree with them.
- God asks us to honour our parents; God knows that our parents can protect us from danger so he asks us to obey them and respect them, similar to how God does so much for us.

- Our parents also do a lot of things to make sure we are safe and happy, because of this, God asks that we respect our parents by obeying them to make their job of protecting us simpler.
- So, what are some other things that your moms or dads have done for you or still do for you that would make us want to honour and respect them?
- I can think of a few things – gave us life, take care of us, teach us, buy us what we need, love us, and spend time with us.
- God gave us our parents because He knows that we need them. God made our parents to do all those good things for us and He knows that we will learn the right things if we listen to and obey them.
- So, because our parents do so many good things for us and because we know that God gave us our parents, we honour and respect them. What are some things that we can do to honour and show respect to our parents?
- A few things I can think of...obey them when they tell us to do something, don't talk back to them, offer to help them with chores, and tell them thankful for things they do for us.
- Now, what happens if our parents make a mistake or do something wrong? Have any of your parents ever made a mistake or done something wrong? I know I have as a parent.
- Should we still honour and respect our parents if they make a mistake or do something wrong?
- Our parents are still people and every person makes mistakes. Every person does something wrong once in a while. We have to be able to forgive our parents and still honour and respect them for the good things that they do.
- I also know that some of us might have parents who were not kind to us at all and so we may not have anything to do with them right now. While that is sad, I am glad to hear that you are safe. I want to tell you something...
- God is also our parent, isn't He? The Bible says that God is our Heavenly Father because He made all of us and He takes care of us. He also gives us His rules, just like our parents give us rules, to keep us safe.
- I think one of the reasons God gave us parents is to help us practice listening to Him. If we can learn to our parents here on Earth, then we can learn to listen to our Heavenly Father too.
- While this commandment talks about honouring our fathers and mothers, it goes farther than that; we are to honour everyone around us; there are a lot of people who care about us and we need to respect and honour them too, such as support workers, roommates, etc.

Application and Group Discussion

- Is there a time when you did not show honour to your mom, dad or someone close to you? Let's talk about that in our small groups. When we don't show honour or respect to someone, we are breaking God's law and we need Jesus to forgive that sin.
- Jesus had a father while He was on earth too named Joseph. We know that Jesus was the only child to ever perfectly obey His father. So Jesus can forgive our sin and help us become better children to our fathers.

Live it out Challenge

- How can you show more honour to your mom, dad, support worker, or someone that they spend a lot of time with? Talk about it in your groups and/or write that down on the activity sheet.

Activity

Unscramble the words below.

ROONHU _____
ESCRETPE _____
BOYE _____
OMM _____
DDA _____





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