



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: Respect What?

Scripture: Exodus 20:12

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—[ LET'S TALK ]—

- What is one of your favorite memories with your mother, grandmother, or parents?

—[ LET'S WARM UP ]—

- What things can make honoring parents complicated or difficult?
- What role do parents play in shaping our culture?
- How well does our culture honor elders? Try to name positives and negatives.
- What are some things that you do to honor your parents?

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- Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; Judges 2:6-19, and talk about the cultural impact of parent-child relationships.
  1. How do these passages connect? What happened to Israel?
  2. What significance do family relationships have in a culture obeying God?
  3. How often, and in what ways, did God ask the Israelites to remember Him? Why?
  4. What do these passages have to do with honoring parents?
- Read 1 Timothy 5:1-8 and talk about what it means to honor parents and authority.
  1. Why would Paul give these instructions? What was going on in the church?
  2. How does our religion and taking care of our family connect?
  3. How do the principles of this passage apply to your life today?
  4. What does this passage tell you about honoring people (particularly parents)?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

- Parents: Make a plan to help instill Godly values in your children. A great place to start is by setting a family mission statement. You also should consider regular family meeting where you can encourage your children to live like Christ. Lastly, never underestimate the power of regular family meal times—even if it's only once a week.
- Children: Practice respecting elders and parents. Try calling your elders Mr., Mrs., Ms., etc. and see what happens both in their reaction and in your feelings toward them! Go out of your way this week to show some special honor to your parents.

—[ **SERMON REVIEW** ]—

- Scriptures referenced: [Prv 15:5; 23:22] - [Lk 2:51] - [Eph 6:1] - [Col 3:20] - [1 Tim 5:1-4]
- As Parents we need to teach our children why they should honor us
- This command was given to Israel as a nation. God is showing that a culture’s vitality requires parents to raise children who are respectful of authority—especially parental authority!
- Some personal and social benefits of honoring parents include: less pain and heartache, spiritual prosperity, and peace.
- We can honor our parents by: accepting their authority, showing appreciation for their love, and meeting their needs.

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