

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Honour

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Introduction

In the Olympic Games, we have seen many countries honour their athletes for putting in the hard work of training, regardless of whether they won medals. We have witnessed some athletes honouring and praising God for their achievements. Globally, there are people who have been honoured for their work as they have contributed significantly to society, such as Mother Teresa for her work in bringing help to suffering humanity (awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace).

In the Old Testament, God gave the ten commandments, one of which is to honour our parents. Our challenge is in knowing how to best do this in our personal circumstances, and in doing so to honour God as well.

Read

Exodus 20:12, Philippians 2:3-4

Discuss

1. What does it mean to you to honour your parents? How can we honour God in our personal lives?
2. What was your experience of family life as you were growing up? Do you recall it as an uplifting or challenging time in your formative years?
3. Read Exodus 20:12. The word 'honour' refers to 'giving weight to' your parents. How does this concept apply in your circumstances? What are some barriers you face in obeying God's commandment?
4. Read Proverbs 1:8-9. We can honour our children by raising them in God's way. Share with the group some positive ways that we could positively influence children. In what ways can we provide training and educate them in a way that honours God?

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5. Pastor Dale mentioned that we can learn about honour within our home when we carry our family's name well and when we raise our children from a position of approval rather than for approval. Have you seen this personally? How could we raise our children from a position of approval rather than for approval?
6. Read Philippians 2:3-4. In honouring others by celebrating their gifts and speaking positively about them, we add value to their lives. Share with the group some specific ways you can honour your friends. What are some challenges you may face?
7. We honour God by carrying His name well and by obeying Jesus' teaching through our words and deeds. Share with the group some opportunities you have to honour God with your time, your treasure and your talents. What are some of the obstacles you may encounter as you run the race for God?

Respond

This week, pray that the Holy Spirit will guard our words and actions so that we can encourage people around us in a positive way. Think of someone you could honour. What is one thing you could do to honour them? Commit to doing it.