



Learning to Juggle Life's Greatest Priorities

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | Honor

WELCOME

- ◆ Spend a few minutes greeting everyone in the group.

ICE BREAKER/INTRODUCTION QUESTIONS

- ◆ What are some ways we show honor in our culture? What are some ways other cultures show honor?
- ◆ What is one positive memory you have with your parents? (Even if your relationship with your parents is strained or non-existent, try to focus on one positive note in your timeline.)

DISCUSSION

1. What is the purpose in showing someone honor?
2. Read [Ephesians 6:1](#). Why do you think it's "right" that children obey their parents in the Lord? How do you think obedience impacts the "family circus" in a positive way?
3. What do you think the phrase, "in the Lord" means in this context?
4. Read [Ephesians 6:2-3](#). How would you define honor?
5. How have you seen honor work well in the family environment? (whether in your family or someone else's) What factors contribute to the positive dynamic?
6. In what ways, if any, have you found it easy to honor your parents?
7. Discuss Craig Groeschel's quote: "Respect is EARNED but honor is GIVEN." How do you see this principle applied to family relationships, specifically parent/child relationships? How is honoring your parent different from respecting your parent?
8. Sometimes relationships with parents are difficult or even non-existent. The parent may have abandoned the family, died or been the agent of hurt. Or the child may have created a division in the relationship. What would it mean for someone to honor a parent under these circumstances?
9. How can a relationship with a parent who has died or is unreachable have influence on you? How can this kind of unresolved relationship affect you today? How does it affect your relationship with God? How could the forgiveness we talked about last week help pave the way for you to demonstrate honor, whether or not your parent is still in your life?
10. What is the promise that comes with honoring our parents (vs. 3)? Practically speaking, what do you think this does and doesn't mean?
11. If you're a parent, what impact do you think honoring your own parents has on your relationship with your children?
12. Families come in many forms, and a parent may be a grandparent, a step-parent, a foster parent or a significant caregiver. Focusing on one of these relationships, what is one quality this person has that you appreciate, even if many of their qualities have had a negative impact on you? What is one memory you have that you appreciate about them? What is one thing they have done that has drawn you closer to God, either directly or indirectly?
13. The holidays are approaching. What can you do between now and then that would communicate honor to a parent figure in your family? What kind of impact do you think this could have on your "family circus" gatherings?

PRAYER

- ◆ Ask your community group to pray that God would help you discern and implement a specific way to honor a parent figure in the near future.