

## Big Idea

When we honor people, we honor God. We need to get back to some old school principles of HONOR!

Honor: To give value, worth or weight to.

Dishonor: To take lightly, to remove weight.

Two causes of dishonor:

1. Familiarity causes dishonor. Anything that you feel equal with or too close to have the greatest potential to receive dishonor from you. When honor increases, miracles increase.
2. Offenses cause dishonor. You can never honor that which offends you. You can be disagreeable and respectful at the same time.

How do we set our hearts to honor?

1. Honoring sees them as God sees them. It has nothing to do with what you think people deserve. God's view of them determines the kind of honor that we need to give. We treat people based on our view of God, not on our view of them.
2. Honoring benefits me too. The level of honor you give determines what you receive. The more you value it, the more you'll value from it.
3. Honoring is decided, not deserved.

## Scripture

- "And now this admonition is for you, O priests. If you do not listen, and if you do not set your heart to honor my name, says the Lord Almighty, I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have already cursed them, because you have not set your heart to honor me" Malachi 2:1-2
- Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family. And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them" Mark 6:1-5
- "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" Ephesians 5:21
- "Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on earth" Ephesians 6:2-3

## Discussion Questions

- Was there anything from the message that stood out to you?
- Have you ever been dishonored or honored? Please share.
- Is there someone in your life, that you need to choose to honor? Give examples of how you can honor them.
- How well do you honor others? Where do you excel and where do you struggle?

## Prayer Focus

Lord, we love you and we honor you above all else. Father help us to see others the way that You see them, and to honor them according to who they are to YOU. Open our eyes to the places of dishonor in our lives and bring us back to a place of love and honor – in Jesus name, Amen.

## Next Steps

Create an environment to spend time with God by finding a quiet place to sing and pray out loud. Ask the God to teach you from the what you read in the Bible.

## Leader Tip

Encourage transparency in your group. What is God saying to you in this message?