

Big Idea

Living a life of honor means we have a high level of respect for others. We can raise the standard of honor in a fallen world that is full of disrespect. The way to defend the honor of God, is by how we live our lives.

Here are three ways to become someone of honor:

1. **Prioritize it.** Whatever is first is honored.
2. **Praise it.** Our words are not neutral, they either honor or dishonor.
3. **Protect it.** Anything that is valued, you will protect. The more you value it, the more you value from it.

The key to honor is humility. A man on his face can never fall from that place.

Scripture

- Be devoted to one another in brotherly love, Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10
- Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9
- Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. James 3:9-10
- Don't let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29-30.

Discussion Questions

- Looking back at the message, what challenged you?
- What do you need to reprioritize in your life, to give it proper honor? (Family, finances, etc)
- Talk about some practical examples of how to honor family members.
- Give examples of choices we can make, to keep ourselves pure and honorable, so that we're available for God to use us?

Prayer Focus

Father, I humble myself and want to ask for you to help me live a life that honors others. Help me to prioritize honor in everything that I do. Forgive me for the times I become too familiar and dishonor my family or friends. Thank you for the gift of family. Thank you for loving and adopting me into your family, the family of God. Help me to always honor you Lord, in all that I do. 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 God to teach you how to honor others.

Leader Tip

Encourage transparency in your group. Share about a time that you let familiarity cause you to dishonor those you love. Talk about how honor/dishonor sets the tone in our families and give examples of how we can practically make decisions that honor our parent/spouse/children/God.