



## "Honor" Exodus 20:12

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We hope you will enjoy spending more time thinking and talking about the topics that we hear on Sundays during the sermons. **Feel free to simply think about and discuss what you heard and were challenged by.** Or you may use these questions as a guide or to supplement your conversations.

1. What people do you know are worthy of honor?
2. What makes them "worthy"? Is it who they are or what they do or what?
3. What is the result according to verse 13 of honoring your father and your mother? What would the implied result be of NOT honoring your father and your mother?
4. Do you see those results as a blessing/curse from God, or a natural effect that he allows?
5. What does the demonstration of honor do for the person receiving it?
6. What does it do for the person **giving** it?
7. Why does this rank among these 10 commands God has given us?

### Chapter 20

And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."