

# Honor Your Father and Mother



## To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

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On Sunday, Billy concluded our Family Matters series by talking about the biblical command to honor your father and mother and the Bible very clearly tells us that we need to do so because how we treat our parents matters to God. While there are no perfect parents and no perfect children, we learned that honoring your parents is a life-long pursuit and looks different depending on what stage you are in. Honoring as a child looks like obedience, honoring as a young adult looks like respect and honoring as an adult looks like appreciation.

*“Honoring your parents is a life-long pursuit!”*

- ◆ Do you consider it easy or hard to honor your parents?
- ◆ What does it mean to you to honor someone?

## Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

1. Honoring as a child looks like obedience
  - ◆ What long term affect does teaching your children obedience have?
  - ◆ What danger do parents run into when they allow their children to dictate things? What implications are there for this?

## 2. Honoring as a young adult looks like respect

- ◆ Of what value does attitude have towards respecting your parents during this stage?
- ◆ In what way does how you talk about your parents when they aren't around speak to your character?

## 3. Honoring as an adult looks like appreciation

- ◆ If you are a parent yourself, in what way have you experienced the hard work that it takes to raise a child? In what way does your own experience provide appreciation towards your own parents?

## Now what?

- ◆ In what way can you best appreciate your parents this week? In what way can you show up for them? Can you send a text, make a call, send an email, stay in touch etc.?

## Three Essential Questions

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*