WATCH PARTY

GUIDE



WEEK 2 | EPH. 6:1-4

Sermon Discussion Questions

Our text this week includes the famous exhortation, "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Ephesians 6:1). By show of hands, how many of you grew up knowing or hearing this verse? Why do you think it's such a popular verse?

Would anyone like to share a little bit about your family of origin? Were you raised in a strict or lenient household? On a scale of 1-5, hold up fingers to answer. (1=very lenient, 5=very strict) How has your upbringing impacted you as an adult?

As an adult, what does it look like to honor our parents? What's the difference between "honoring" and "obeying"?

One of our core values at Grace is Grace-Centered Truth: We challenge people to be their best and love them at their worst. How can we truthfully and graciously influence the next generation to honor authority?

Think of one important relationship in your life where you would like to see growth. How could you take a next step, today, toward restoring or deepening that relationship?



ASK YOUR STUDENT

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- How is obeying your parents connected to God's promise of living well on this Earth?
- Are honor and obedience the same thing? Why or why not? How does your attitude affect obeying and honoring your parents?
- In what area do you struggle to obey your parents? Ask God to give you the strength and desire to show them honor.

Dig Deeper

Your Dad loves you so much. No matter what sort of relationship you have with your earthly father, your Heavenly Father loves you with an unbreakable love. He will never give up on you. Even when you are faithless, He will be faithful (2 Timothy 2:13).

Dig deeper by reading the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. Jot down everything you learn about the heart of the Father based on what He says and does in these verses. Close in prayer.

My Father, the thought of Thine infinite serenity cheers me. For I am toiling, troubled, and distressed, but Thou art forever at perfect peace. I come to Thee as a sinner with cares and sorrows, to leave every concern entirely to Thee, every sin calling for Christ's precious blood. Revive deep spirituality in my heart. Let me live near to the Great Shepherd, hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Thy presence alone can make me holy, devout, strong, and happy. Abide in me, gracious God."

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Honoring our parents is so important to God, he included it in the Ten Commandments. As a matter of fact, it's number five on the list! And God has a good reason for asking us to honor them. God gave us parents to raise us. He gave us Moms and Dads to teach us how to do everything from walking and eating to praising God. Moms and Dads have a huge responsibility, and the best way to honor them is to obey them.



ELEMENTARY QUESTIONS

- Read Ephesians 6: 1-3. What does Paul say we should do for our parents?
- Do you always answer when Mom or Dad ask you to do something?
- What are some reasons you might not do something they ask right away?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family think of something you can each do this week to become a better listener and responder when Mom or Dad says something. Parents, be aware of the times that your child is honoring or obeying you. Give them positive reinforcement through words or a special treat.

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