

Week of 3/13/22 Eph. 6:1-4 We Honor

The Bigger Picture:

Do you have parents or grandparents in your group? People who care about the future of families and the Church? Invite them to come together to pray for the next generation. **Parent's Prayer Night** is Sunday, March 13 at 6:30 PM at RADIUS Lexington. Childcare will be provided for birth – 5th grade.

[Parenting by Design](#) is the 4-part series from Grace Church that John Reeves mentioned last Sunday. Share this link with the parents in your group!

During the last week of groups (w/o April 3) groups will take stock of their spiritual growth at home, at church and in the world using an updated version of the spiritual health self assessment we did together last spring. Group Leaders will be key to helping members get the most out of the assessment. Check your emails for more details!

This Week's Goals:

We all have PARENTS! Lead your members in understanding what it means to “honor your mother and father” at all stages of life. Hint: This can be a tough area of repentance and faithful obedience for some.

Have you prayed for your group members by name lately? Take some time to do that.

Multiplication Moment:

Begin thinking now about how you will divide your members into groups of two or three to go over the Spiritual Health Self-Assessment (See “Big Picture” above.) Encourage your apprentice to champion this effort and take the lead in being part of these “across the table” discussions.

Leader Tips:

“We took verses from the sermon passage, wrote them on note cards, and handed them out to couples in our group. The couples discussed their verses during the week and each presented their insights into the verse the following week.” This tip from married group leaders at Centerville is a great way to get everyone in the group involved in the Scripture portion of your time together. If you tend to teach rather than facilitate - getting everyone's insights will help with that!

STORIES (15 min)

Sharing God Stories:

Using the Story Cards: Spread the photo cards out and ask members to point to the image that best describes the group.

Get Talking:

Have members describe their families - go back several generations. Does anyone have Great-Grandparents still living? How many have grandparents? Are relatives nearby?

Prayer: Transition from Stories to Scripture by asking someone to pray for your time in God's Word.

SCRIPTURE (45 min) - These are our Group Chat Questions for this week:

We talked Sunday about how Paul seems to be getting all up in our business with the last few chapters of Ephesians! We know this is really God working through Paul to look into every area of our life (our marriages, our homes, our parenting, how we honor parents, how we spend our time, etc). In the last several weeks, where has God used this letter to get your attention?

The 5th commandment is "Honor your father and mother". We know this is an easier commandment for some to follow than others. After Sunday, what is one way you can take a step in honoring your father and mother?

Read 1 Timothy 5:4,8 as a group. What are ways that you have seen these verses lived out really well? What are ways you have seen these verses lived out really poorly?

Of the 6 points discussed in Sunday's sermon, which one stood out to you the most? Which is the easiest? Which was the most difficult for you to hear?

PRAYER (20 min)

ROUND ONE: Pray aloud as a group together, thanking the Father for training and instructing us as his children.

ROUND TWO: Ask God to reveal how we resist His training and instruction.

FINAL ROUND: Ask the Holy Spirit to help us receive his training and instruction.

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