

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:

What is your greatest memory of your parents? If they are still living, what is your relationship with them like today?

Read Ephesians 6:1-4.

- What does it mean to honor your parents? Are honoring and obeying the same thing?
- How do we follow the command to honor our parents as children? As adults?

Paul says this is the “first commandment with a promise.” What is that promise and what does that mean for us?

How do we honor parents who behave dishonorably or sinfully? Is there ever a time when it is ok for a believer not to honor their parents?

What is one practical way that you can honor your parents this week?

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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