

**LIFE GROUP GUIDE**  
**On Earth As In Heaven**  
**Week 5 — A People of Honor**

**Big Idea:** In the four parts of relationships, love is the most rugged, trust is the most fragile, understanding is the most difficult, and honor is the most neglected. For our marriages, families, communities, and culture to flourish, we must learn to recognize the God-given worth of others and express that worth through our attitudes and actions.

**Icebreaker:** Who is someone in your life who made you feel valued and respected? What did that person do that communicated honor to you?

### **1. What Is Honor?**

**Read Psalm 8:3–6 and Romans 1:22–23.**

Honor begins with recognizing the worth and dignity God has given people. It moves from recognition to attitude and then to action. We honor others not simply because they have earned it, but because every person bears God's image. Our honor toward others also reflects whether we truly honor God in our own hearts.

1. What is the difference between recognizing someone's worth and actually treating them with honor? What are some ways we communicate honor, or dishonor, through our words, listening, and actions?
2. Our culture often measures people's value by their appearance, popularity, influence, or accomplishments. How does recognizing the image of God in every person challenge those ways of measuring worth?
3. Romans 1 connects humanity's refusal to honor God with the breakdown of our thinking and desires. How could learning to honor God more fully change the way we treat the people around us?

### **2. Where Do We Practice Honor?**

**Read 1 Peter 2:16–17 and Deuteronomy 5:16.**

Scripture calls us to practice honor in our families and toward those in authority. Honoring someone does not mean approving of everything they do or submitting to abuse or wrongdoing. It means refusing to let contempt become our default response, even when we disagree.

1. Which is more difficult for you: showing honor to family members, people in authority, or people with whom you strongly disagree? Why?

2. How can parents and other family members communicate honor in ways that help children develop a healthy sense of security, worth, and identity?
3. How can we show appropriate respect for people in authority without excusing their mistakes, compromising our convictions, or remaining silent about wrongdoing?

### **3. Where Love and Honor Meet**

#### **Read Hebrews 13:4 and Ephesians 5:28–33.**

Honor becomes especially important in marriage. Love and honor are not merely feelings; they are commitments expressed through how we treat one another. Marriage is a covenant in which both people should experience faithfulness, protection, security, and the freedom to grow. Our bodies, sexuality, and relationships are to be treated as valuable gifts entrusted to us by God.

1. What are some everyday ways spouses can communicate love and honor to one another? Why can these things become easier to neglect as a relationship grows more familiar?
2. How does viewing marriage as a covenant of faithfulness and security change the way we respond to conflict, mistakes, and seasons of change?
3. First Corinthians 6:19–20 calls us to honor God with our bodies. How might this shape the way we think about sexual integrity, and the dignity of others?

### **Putting It Into Practice**

#### **Read 1 Samuel 2:30.**

“For those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.”

Honor begins with God and flows into every area of life. We can choose to recognize the worth of others, cultivate an attitude of respect, and express that respect through concrete actions.

**Application:** Identify one person you may have taken for granted, dismissed, or treated without the honor they deserve. Take one practical step to communicate their worth through your words, attention, gratitude, or actions.

### **Prayer**

Ask God to reveal any places where contempt, pride, indifference, or judgment have replaced honor. Pray for the grace to honor God wholeheartedly and to recognize and treat others according to the dignity He has given them.