

# SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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## Honor

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Sometimes our relationship with our parents can be challenging. This week, as we continue our series on the 10 Commandments, we will look at ways to honor our parents by reflecting on our past relationships and the variety of family systems we all encountered. We will also consider ways to incorporate healing for ourselves and future generations.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT: EXODUS 20:12

Read the scripture text together as a group.

### BACKGROUND INFO

The 10 Commandments were established as a vision for relationship with Creator and Creation. When we consider the commandment, “Honor thy father and mother,” it’s a vision of honoring the trusted provision of our mothering, fathering God. It’s an image of what can be experienced when there is honor within relationships. We trust we can thrive in life because as a good parent, God will provide for us in all circumstances. God is giving us all we need as we reciprocate honor.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Before hearing Jody’s message, what was your understanding of God’s commandment to “honor your father and your mother?” Based on that understanding, what grade would you give yourself on obeying the commandment as you were growing up? Share stories that support your answer. Did your grade improve, stay the same, or get worse once you reached adulthood? Explain.
- Jody started her message on this commandment by listing a variety of ways we might honor our parents. Which of her examples resonated most with you? Why? From your experience, what would you add to this list?
- ***The commandment, “Honor thy father and mother,” is a vision of honoring the trusted provision of our mothering, fathering God.*** What are some attributes of God that are mothering and/or fathering? How have you experienced God’s nurturing and/or provision in your life? Who, besides God, have been honorable parental figures/role models in your life?
- ***One of the ways we honor our parents is by reflecting about homes from which we were raised and making good, honoring choices for future generations.*** Share about a dysfunctional family cycle you hope to break and/or a healthy way of being a family that you hope to carry on.

**CHALLENGE:** *We also honor our parents by identifying the ways we will find healing from the brokenness in our families.* This week, reflect on this statement. Choose to refrain from getting stuck in blame, and instead take a step toward proactively seeking healing and wholeness for yourself moving forward.