



## BIG IDEA

*“And this fifth commandment gives God’s people an opportunity to demonstrate the life-changing power of the gospel. For it changes how we respond to abandonment and abuse. It shapes how we love and care for those who are in need. It influences how we submit ourselves to God and to the people he’s appointed to be our spiritual fathers. It dictates how we interact with all people, for we’re to be people who give honor to all.”*

## THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. What did we learn about honoring your father and mother? How well have you kept this commandment?
2. What did we learn about God and his process of freeing people before he gave them his expectations? Why is understanding this order so important?

*Read: Exodus 20:12*

3. What is the biblical definition of honor? What does it mean to honor someone?
4. Why is the fact that mothers were included in this commandment so unusual?
5. How is the Christian faith different from old religions when it comes to honoring women?

*Read: Exodus 21:15, 17, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 17, Hebrews 13:17*

6. How do we honor other people? What are some ways we dishonor others?
7. In what ways do we see a parent-child relationship in the church? What is the responsibility of the elders? What are those under their care challenged to do?
8. How are we to respond when honoring is hard? Why should you obey the commandment even if you have been a victim of abuse by those in authority or leadership?
9. Why can you look to Jesus as your example in following this commandment in the hard times?
10. How does honoring others set us apart from those who do not?

## NOTES

### PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. What has God shown you as you studied his word this week?
2. Why is this commandment in God's top ten?
3. What steps are you going to take this week to obey this commandment?
4. How can you better honor those people in your life, family, and church?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?

### DEEPER

**Pray:** That we would be known as people who honor others following the example of our Savior Jesus.

**Read:** Exodus 20:12, Exodus 21:15, 17, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 17, Hebrews 13:17. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit [gatewayepc.org/news](http://gatewayepc.org/news) to read and review the sermon manuscript.

**Write:** Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

**Sing:** Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

**Memorize:** As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Exodus 20:12, Exodus 21:15, 17, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1 Timothy 5:3-4, 8, 17, Hebrews 13:17.)

**Love:** Share this message of hope with someone you love.