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Small Group & House Church Bible Study

Commandment 5 – “Honor your Father and your Mother

Pray and ask God to speak to your group as you open the Bible together. Read Exodus 20:12.

1. What is your understanding of “Honoring your Father and Mother.” How have you experienced this commandment as a son or daughter, and if you have children, as a mother or father? What has/does honoring look like practically for you?
2. The commandment “honor your Father and Mother” comes after the commandments to “have no other gods” and “not make for yourself an image.” Ephesians 6:1 tells children to obey their parents “*in the Lord.*” What does this tell us about how to relate to these potentially conflicting authorities in our lives?
3. All human beings are sinful. Parents are no different. Moms and Dads are capable of creating incredible blessings, and also of creating deep wounds. Consequently, there can be great joy and also great pain attached to these relationships. Regardless we are called as God’s people to honor our fathers and mothers. How can you honor a parent when they are less than honorable in their actions? How might this be important to God and reveal the Gospel?
4. Read Heidelberg Catechism Lord’s Day 39 Q&A 104. How does this speak to a broader application of the fifth commandment? How is honoring your father and mother a foundational commandment for the proper functioning of society? How might society breakdown with it?
5. God has revealed Himself as a Father to all people. He lovingly created us, sent His Son to redeem us, and dwells with us by the Spirit. Read Malachi 1:6. God calls us to honor Him as Heavenly Father. How did Jesus honor God as His Father? How can we follow Jesus example?

Ask God together to empower you by the Spirit to honor your mother and/or father. Pray for grace, for forgiveness, for healing and anything else God may lay on your hearts. Thank your Heavenly Father for sending Jesus, the perfect Son who saved us and showed us the way.