



Wrestling With God's Word
Wk 2/4: Honor Your Parents
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LEADER PREP

SCRIPTURE

[Exodus 20:12](#)

BE SENSITIVE

Every family is different. Some students have very hard or even abusive relationships with their parents or guardians. Be sensitive to your group. Everyone is called to honor their parents, but honor is not synonymous with submitting to abuse. Honoring is more about our attitude of grace, love, forgiveness, and respect. If you find out or suspect you have a student who is in an abusive situation, tell your MSM Campus Staff IMMEDIATELY.

PARTNER WITH YOUR STUDENTS' PARENTS

This is an important value at Hope. Here are tips on how Small Group Leaders can partner with parents:

- 1) Introduce yourself to parents and let you know them care about their student and want to partner with them.
- 2) Share with them positive actions or qualities you've seen in their students.
- 3) Honor the parent. When a student complains about their parents, avoid statements such as "that is awful" to win cool points. Remember we don't see the whole picture. Find a more honoring way to respond, such as, "I know it's hard, but I bet your parents have a reason for that rule."

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

MAIN POINT

Honoring our parents is MORE than just obeying them; it's showing them respect and appreciation.

GET THEM TALKING

What is one thing you've done to honor your mom and/or dad?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

READ [Exodus 20:12](#) and answer the following questions:

1. Be honest, what's your first gut reaction when you hear this verse?
2. Do you think this verse is worth following or not? Why?
3. To honor means "to show great respect or high esteem." What are different ways you can honor your parents? Let's make a BIG list of over 10 things. (Leaders, we've left space so you can write their list down and we encourage you to text this list out to your students later this week.)
4. How can following this verse make your life better?

NEXT STEP

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: Do at least one thing this week to honor your mom and dad.

THIS SERIES CHALLENGE: Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17. We encourage you to do it together as a group! Talk about how you can encourage each other to memorize this Scripture together.

PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students for their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

