



### Honoring others honors God.



To Honor others: to value, or highly esteem; to treat as precious, weighty or valuable.

46 If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for this? Even tax collectors love their friends. 47 If you greet only your friends, what's so great about this? Don't even unbelievers do that? 48 But you must always act like your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:4-48 (CEV)

#### Honor is not:

- Honor is not based on feelings, but rather on our obedience.

10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:10 (NLT)

- Honor is not a natural but Spiritual response.

17 Honor all people, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the king. 1 Peter 2:17 (NET)

1 Obey the rulers who have authority over you. Only God can give authority to anyone, and he puts these rulers in their places of power. 2 People who oppose the authorities are opposing what God has done, and they will be punished. Romans 13:1-2 (CEV)

#### Difference between Honor and respect:

- You can respect someone without caring for them, but you can't honor without love.

- Respect is earned, honor is freely given.

- Respect can be attached to things rather than people.

#### Honoring others is important because:

- God tells us to honor everyone.

10 Love each other as brothers and sisters and honor others more than you do yourself. Romans 12:10 (CEV)

- Honor recognizes God's value of people.

We value others because God loves them.

We value others because they bare the image of God.

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Genesis 5:1 (ESV)

- Honoring others allows me to choose humility.

22 Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life... Ephesians 4:22 (MSG)

3 When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Philippians 2:3 (NCV)

#### Honoring others:

- I Put the needs of others before my own.

1 We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For Christ did not please himself... Romans 15:1-3 (ESV)

- I Look to serve others before myself.

28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28(NLT)

- I Treat others the way I would want to be treated.

12 Treat others as you want them to treat you... Matthew 7:12 (CEV)

#### Honoring others affects:

- The style of Church God wants us to be.

- The impact we have on our community.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NET)

- How we love others.

7 Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. 1 Corinthians 13:4-9 (MSG)

- How others see God.

35 If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples. John 13:35 (CEV)



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions for Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Describe the difference between Biblical honor and respect. (Go over the points under the sub headings "Honor is not" & "Difference between Honor and respect".
- Do you personally find it difficult to honor others? Do you feel that honor is something people should earn? How does God honor us? (honor = value)
- What does this statement mean to you: Others bare the image of God? How does this change how we treat them?
- Do you find it difficult to choose humility? Explain.
- Give some examples of how we can put the needs of others before our own needs.
- How can we serve others before ourselves?
- What does it mean to treat others the way we want to be treated?
- What are some practical ways we put the needs of others before our own at church? In the style of church we are?
- How can we honor our community/neighborhood with service? How does Halloween at the Quest show we honor our neighborhood? What are some other ways we could honor others?
- When we honor others how does it change how they see God?

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