



- How we **love** matters to God.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

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

We need to understand that God says:

- We can't love others without **honoring** others.

Love is patient, love is kind...It (*love*) does not dishonor others... 1 Corinthians 13:4

- Respect is based on **what you do**; honor is based on **who you are**.

- God calls us to honor and respect **everyone**.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Romans 12:9-10 (NLT)

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

- We honor others because **God** honors us.

...Why do you care about us humans? Why are you concerned for us weaklings?" You made us a little lower than you yourself, and you have crowned us with glory and honor. Psalm 8:4-5 (CEV)

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)

- We won't honor others until our **perception** of others is changed.

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:17

A perspective that honors others recognizes:

- I honor others because God **made everyone**.

- I honor others because Jesus **died for everyone**.

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. John 3:16 (CEV)

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:17 (NIV)

- I honor others because it shows **I know God**.

God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. 1 John 4:8 (CEV)

Honor **sees in others** what they cannot see in themselves.

Honoring others means:

- I'm going to **honor God** so I can honor others.

My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. 1 John 4:7 (CEV)

- I'm going to see others with **compassion**.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Mark 6:34(NIV)

- I'm going to **build** others up, not tear them down.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ESV)

- I'm going to **serve** others before myself.

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)

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)

Honoring others allows us:

- Honoring others allows us to be the church God wants us to be in our **community**.



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

Questions that can be used in 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?
- In your own words, Why does how we love matter to God?
- Do you personally find it difficult to honor others? (I'm talking about everyone)
- Why are people so rude in today's world? Why would this be a great time to honor others in our world?
- How does God honor us? How does that help us to honor others?
- Why do we need a changed perspective to honor others? What does that look like?
- Talk about the 3 points under the sub-heading: "A perspective that honors others recognizes:"
- How does honoring God help us to honor others? What are some ways we honor God?
- Why does compassion honor others?
- What are some practical ways we can be intentional with building others up? What are some things we can stop doing that tear others down?
- How does serving others honor them? What are some ways we can serve others in our community?

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