

# T H E T E N

COMMANDMENTS  
*THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS*

## SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 5 September 17, 2023

**“A Question of Honor”**



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### OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for gathering us together to study the fifth commandment today. I ask that You would be in our midst, and that Your Holy Spirit would give us understanding. Please help us to not only study this commandment so that we can increase in knowledge; but help us to study it so we can apply it and grow in grace. Grant us humility as we begin our session, and fill us with Your words of life. In Jesus' name, amen.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

#### Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

*“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”*

#### Deuteronomy 27:16 (NIV)

*“Cursed is anyone who dishonors their father or mother.”*

#### Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.*

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## INTRODUCTION

Even if you did not grow up in the church, you have probably heard the fifth commandment to “honor your father and your mother.” Maybe your parents referenced this commandment when you did not obey them. Although this commandment is familiar, what does it look like to honor your parents?

The Hebrew word for honor means *heavy* or *weighty*. This means to treat something as important or significant. Part of what it means to treat our parents as important or significant is to obey them and to consider their needs, their feelings, and what might bless them. However, most Scholars believe that the fifth commandment’s primary intent was to ensure people cared for the elderly. The fifth commandment is calling us to care for older adults who have no one else.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your relationship with your mother and father?
2. Read Exodus 20:12 (on page 1). What do you think it means to “honor” your father and mother? How do you think your children should honor you?
3. Read Ephesians 6:1 (on page 1). Do parents ever make demands their child cannot obey “in the Lord”? How important, at various ages, is it to obey your parent(s) when what they ask goes against your wishes, but not against God’s teachings?
4. In his sermon, Pastor Eric said “The fifth commandment does not apply to you if your parents acted dishonorably and mistreated you.” Do you agree or disagree? How should you treat a parent that mistreated you?
5. Most scholars believe that the fifth commandment’s primary intent was to ensure people cared for the elderly. Who are the senior adults in your life, that you need to care for, you need to bless, and you need to spend time with?

## FINAL APPLICATION

What can you do this week to bless a senior adult? How can this group help?