

Small Group Discussion Guide

“Top Ten Summer” (pt. 4) – 06.28.2015

Scripture: Exodus 20:12

Bottom Line: Honoring our parents honors God and points us to a PERFECT Father.

INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

Today's Top Ten covered the best fireworks to shoot off in order to have an incredible 4th of July. Have your group share their favorite 4th of July memory with the entire group.

UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

Read Exodus 20:12

A perfect God gave us perfect laws which lead us to perfect freedom in Him. Embracing God's commands leads us to live lives that make much of Jesus and reveals more of who He is.

1) Why should we honor our Mother and Father?

- a. It prolongs our lives!
- b. It honors God.
- c. We benefit from honoring our parents.
- d. Great example for our own children.

2) How can we honor our parents? Discuss practical ways to live these out with your parents.

- a. Time/Communication
- c. Attitude
- d. Seeking their advice/guidance
- e. How you speak to others about them
- f. Gratitude and thankfulness towards them
- g. Caring for them in their elderly years

3) How does the 5th commandment reveal who God is?

- a. He is a PERFECT Father who is worthy of all of our honor and love.

LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

- 1) Share with your group how you plan to honor your parents this week.
- 2) Are there any hesitations or fears about taking steps to honor your parents? Share with your small group how they can pray for and encourage you.