



TEN: Honor Your Mother & Father | May 18, 2016

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

There is a preferred and ideal order that includes respecting and honoring your parents, the people who brought you into this world. The nurturing and loving support of a parent is the closest thing we have to a God-like relationship on Earth.

Key Verse

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.

Discussion

Whether we want to admit it or not, our parents tried their best to do right by us. It's what each of us does or will do if and when we have kids of our own. Some get it horribly wrong and some are far better than we could ever ask. To be fair, some of us were horrible kids and others of us were far better than our parents could ever hope for.

1. What are some of the things you did to terrorize your parents as a kid?
2. What do you think your parents are or would be most proud of?

In a perfect world we would all have loving and caring parents. If it weren't your parents, the next best thing would be a parent-like figure or mentor from whom we can learn and grow. If all played out as God had intended we would all have healthy families, we would listen to our parents and trust that they know best, and the positive effects of these things would be passed on and on for generations.

3. What is one thing you learned from your parents or parent-like figure that you rely on today?
4. What is one thing you learned that you would like to leave in the past or forget?

Our parents are intended to be the closest thing to a God-like relationship we can have. We are not to worship them, but honoring them carries value, respect, and a lasting legacy. Additionally, humility and an understanding that there are people to learn from and help us course correct are crucial to forming healthy relationships.

5. Who has been the most influential in your life? Why?
6. Who relies on you at this point in your life? Who can you influence and help and how?

What's Next?

The goal of this week's conversation on the topic of honoring your mother and father is intended to help us reflect on and acknowledge how your parents or parent-like figure loved, cared for, and supported you, and 2. Take steps to tell them. Additionally, if you do not have someone to follow, support, and spur you on, this conversation is intended to encourage you to find someone or a couple people. Lastly, it is incredibly humbling to reflect on how we are influencing and impacting others in the places we play the father, mother, mentor role.