

Community Group Discussion Questions

“MVP (Makes Value Possible)” 1 Peter 2:17, 2 Cor. 8:21 April 14th

Getting Started

We live in a culture void of honor. Value is often associated with power, prestige, performance, possessions and anything else that is considered popular. Therefore, the Kingdom of Jesus challenges a cultural mindset of what is considered honorable by deeming value to all people, not just a select few.

What is the greatest example of honor you have seen?

Who was it and how did they do it?

Going Deeper

1. The Principle of Honor:

- a. **Meaning:** To put value to something, to recognize it as precious and worthy of respect. **Antonym** - To dishonor is to treat something as common, ordinary and of no value.

What does our contemporary culture honor?

What do we dishonor?

Why do you think this is?

- b. **Motive:** **Honor** is not something you strive to get, but seek to give, creating not just a title, but a testimony.

We often think of titles as giving us honor. Some judges are called ‘The Honorable so and so...’ and some ministers are called ‘The Right Reverend so and so...’ How can your choice to give honor to others, not through a title, but through your actions, create a testimony about you and the God you know?

- c. **Majesty:** *“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and **Honor** and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”* (Revelation 7:12)

What is the connection between God being worthy of all honor, and our seeing His created humanity also being worthy of honor?

- d. **Miracle:** *“Both riches and **Honor** come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.”* (1 Chronicles 29:12)

How can giving honor to someone else be seen as miraculous or supernatural?

2. The Promise in Honor:

- a. **Command:** *“**Honor** your father and mother so that you’ll live a long time in the land that God, your God, is giving you.”* (Exodus 20:12- MSG)
- b. **Concept:** **Honor** towards (**physical authority**) was to be learned at an early age for the purpose of producing **honor** towards (**invisible authority**).
- c. **Crisis:** Many of the children of Israel didn’t make it into the land God had promised, because they lacked **honor**. (Hebrews 3:19)
- d. **Consideration:** **Honor** ushers in the miraculous! (Mark 6:1-6, Luke 7:9)

How does teaching honor to children help them be blessed as they grow up into adulthood and take their place in society and God’s kingdom?

3. The Pathway to Honor:

- a. **Mandated:** *“Respect to whom respect is owed, **honor** to whom honor is owed.”* (Romans 13:7)
- b. **Demonstrated:** *“Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act **honorably** in all things.”* (Hebrews 13:18)
- c. **Initiated:** *“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing **honor**.”* (Romans 12:10)
- d. **Consecrated:** *“that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor”* (1 Thessalonians 4:4)

To honor others is a command from God. It helps us live with a clear conscience knowing that we have not hurt others. It helps us live in integrity/purity knowing that we have not misused our own body. Finally, it gives us the fun opportunity to lovingly and humbly ‘compete’ with one another as we seek out ways to honor one another, rather than worry about whether we are getting the honor/respect we feel we deserve. It takes our eyes off of ourselves, and helps us see the worth in others. **What are some creative ways you can show honor to the people in your life? Which of these will you commit to doing this week?**

Take Away: To honor does not mean we accept blindly everything people do or say without challenge. It simply means we esteem people as being created in the image of God and by choosing to honor them, we glorify God, thus bringing Him honor.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the entire CBC church family to show honor and for this to make a noticeable effect on San Antonio in the weeks to come.