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### Ice Breaker:

- Share a funny or memorable story about a time you either honored or dishonored your parents. What was the outcome?

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### Short Summary of the Sermon:

The sermon focused on the fifth commandment: "Honor your father and your mother, that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you." The pastor emphasized that honoring parents is not just about them, but about who we are as individuals. Respect and honor are universal languages that open doors in life. The sermon also addressed misconceptions about honoring parents, such as not continuing destructive family cycles or choosing them over the Lord. Practical ways to honor parents include telling the truth, not speaking ill of them, expressing gratitude, and accepting discipline. Ultimately, a culture of honor in the home leads to a more fulfilling life and community.

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### Group Questions:

1. What does honoring your parents mean to you personally, and how has your understanding of this commandment changed over time?
2. The sermon mentioned that respect is a universal language. Can you share an experience where showing respect opened a door for you?
3. How can we balance honoring our parents with not continuing destructive family cycles, as mentioned in the sermon?
4. Discuss a time when you had to choose between following your parents' wishes and following God's direction. How did you handle it?
5. What are some practical ways you can express gratitude to your parents or parental figures in your life?

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### Life Application:

Reflect on your current relationship with your parents or parental figures. Identify one area where you can improve in showing honor and respect. This could be through better

communication, expressing gratitude, or being more obedient to their guidance.

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**Challenge:**

This week, take a specific action to honor your parents or a parental figure. This could be writing them a heartfelt letter, spending quality time with them, or simply thanking them for their sacrifices. Share your experience with the group next week and discuss any changes you noticed in your relationship.