







## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

13-10-2024		10:5 – Honour your father and mother	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What has your week been like?		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to ‘honour your father and mother’? <input type="checkbox"/> Who models to you ‘honour your father and mother’? What do they do? What have you learnt from them? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is ‘the 5 <sup>th</sup> ’ so simple for some to do and yet, for others, so complicated? <input type="checkbox"/> What of those who never knew their biological parent(s)? Are bereaved? Have already <i>lost</i> a parent to dementia? Have had abusive parent(s)? What does it then mean to ‘honour your father and mother’? <input type="checkbox"/> Who should provide/ fund Seniors’ care? Self (pension/ savings/ property)? The State (taxes, adult social care)? Family? Community (church, neighbours)? <input type="checkbox"/> How is ‘honour your father and mother’ also about honouring your own existence: your roots, heritage, history, culture(s)? How have <i>they</i> made you the person you are today? What’s been your experience of tracing your family history? <input type="checkbox"/> Why is adoption into God’s family the big leveller for all Christians?		
 Read	<a href="#"><u>Exodus 20:1-12</u></a>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.12</u></a> : How does ‘honour your father and mother’ vary with each life stage? Does ‘the 5 <sup>th</sup> ’ cease to apply when our parents pass away? How might we honour parents even after they’re no longer with us? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.12</u></a> : What’s the promise? See also <a href="#"><u>Ephesians 6:2</u></a> . Why is honouring parents in <u>our</u> own long-term interest? How do we as church create a culture that honours Seniors? Why was/ is it fatal to collectively dishonour older generations? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>v.12</u></a> : Does ‘honouring your father and mother’ mean they are/ were always right/ to be obeyed, no matter what? <a href="#"><u>Ephesians 6:1</u></a> : What’s the significance of honouring ‘ <i>in the Lord</i> ’? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>Ephesians 3:14-15</u></a> : How is God the source of all fatherhood? What does/ did that mean for our dads? <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>Ephesians 6:4</u></a> : What must parents not do? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> How can we/you honour them whilst disagreeing with them? <a href="#"><u>1 Timothy 5:1-12</u></a> : how should we/ you bring challenge? When is it healthy to speak/ challenge? When is it unhealthy to speak/ challenge?		
 Go further	<input type="checkbox"/> Why was it so radically inclusive for ‘the 10’ to state ‘honour your father <u>and mother</u> ’? Why was that necessary, back then? And now? Why was it not enough to only honour the ‘father’?		

	<input type="checkbox"/> If we are to honour both father and mother, and if women, as well as men, are made in/ reflect back the image of God, is it sufficient to think of God using only male pronouns? As well as being Father, how is God also like a Mother to us? See <a href="#">Isaiah 64:8</a> and <a href="#">Isaiah 66:13</a> Why does it matter? <input type="checkbox"/> How does knowing that God is your Heavenly Father and Mother help you to honour your earthly father and mother?
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Do something to 'honour your father and mother' e.g. phone call, visit, gift? Curate photographs.
 Pray	Pray for one another.
 My questions:	

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