

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What is one Children's Story that impacted you as a kid?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

In this week's passage, Paul continues the discussion of how we are to imitate God and our identity in Christ impacts our relationships with our parents and children.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

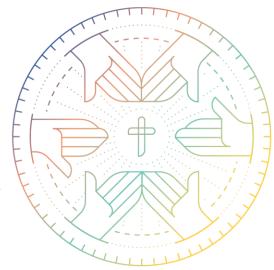
- 1. Read Ephesians 6:1-2. Paul uses the word "obey" in verse 1 before switching to the word "honor" in verse 2 when instructing children on their relationship with their parents. What do you think is the difference between obedience and honor?
- 2. Read Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:2-3. What do you think Paul means when he says that it "may go well with you" as he references the Exodus passage to the believers in Ephesus?
- 3. Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:12-17. Can you share a time when you have personally experienced or witnessed one of these characteristics lived out and how it impacted you?

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

- 1. After discussing the importance of honor in relationships between children and parents what would it look like for you to practically honor your family or a spiritual parent/mentor this week?
- 2. Understanding Eph 6:1-4 applies to all believers and knowing we all have influence, who is one person you could be intentional with to help them grow in their faith?
- 3. Read Hebrews 13:1-3. Our homes are a place where we can model and live out our faith in practical, tangible ways. How does your home or how you show hospitality to others reflect your relationship with Christ?

Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank you for the Christian community you have placed in our lives. Help us to imitate you in how we honor those you have placed in our lives through your Holy Spirit. May we cultivate a spirit of humility and reflect your love as we seek to imitate you. Help us to honor those in our lives who have impacted our faith journey. Bring to our awareness people in our lives that we can impact this week. In your heavenly name, we pray. Amen.