

Honor

Where is the Honor?

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- What is your definition of honor?
- In what areas do you feel honor to be most needed?
- In what areas do you feel honor is most absent and why?

Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.

Reflect:

1.) Read <u>Romans 12:10</u> NIV: Pastor Jason asked: "Where is the honor?" He said "Honor is more than a state of mind it's a state of being."

How does living honorably as a "state of mind" differ from living honorably in a "state of being?"

Read <u>Malachi 1:6</u> NIV and <u>Malachi 2:1-2</u>: Pastor Jason provided definitions for honor and dishonor:

Honor: (time) - value, worth, Weight, Receive with application.

Dishonor: (From Greek word Atimos) – to take **Lightly**, to **Reject** or disrespect, to treat as **Ordinary**. Read <u>Mark 6:1-5</u> NIV. Pastor Jason said:

Familiarity and **Offenses** cause dishonor. If you're on a continuous search to **Be Offended**, you'll **Always Find** what you're looking for.

As you weigh the contrasts between honor and dishonor, what speaks to you the most? What are some losses we can experiences when we fail to honor those around us? What are some gifts we receive for honoring those around us?

- 2.) Pastor Jason shared four ways in which we can restore honor: 1.) Honor begins with **God's Claim** on them (When you **Ascribe** to someone, they often become **More Honorable**.) <u>Ephesians 5:21</u> NIV. 2.) Honor **Benefits Me** too (The level of honor you give determines the level of blessing you receive.) <u>Matthew 10:41</u> NIV. 3.) Honor is **Decided** not deserved <u>1st Peter 2:13-17</u> NIV. 4.) Honor is a **Heart Posture**, not just words <u>Matthew 15:8</u> NIV.
- Share a takeaway and an application for each of the four ways to restore honor.





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Apply It:

Pastor Jason presented a challenge in alignment with <u>Romans 12:10</u> ESV "... Outdo one another in showing honor." Being honorable is not something you think about, it's something you do. As you walk through each day this week, examine life as you're living it hour by hour, day by day. Look for ways that you can intentionally honor the people around you. Take the initiative. Don't just think about it, do it. Honor God by honoring what He loves. Honor people and in so doing, honor God and His Word.

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week:

Father, far too often we go through life focusing upon ourselves, our own desires, and self-pursuits. If we're to follow the model You've set for us, we have to change our focus from self to others. You demonstrated love and honor to us in Jesus Christ. May we "decide" today to honor You and our Savior with our lives. Help us change our focus and live intentionally to honor You and love others as You love and have honored us, in Christ we pray, amen.