

Honor

Vessels of Honor

Sermon Recap

Conversation Starters:

- When you think of what a "vessel" is and what it does, what are your thoughts?
- Share your thoughts on what you think makes a vessel worthy or unworthy.
- If the vessel isn't quite worthy, what steps do you think one can take to make it worthy?

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 Romans 12:10 NIV: Pastor Jason asked: "Who Do We Honor?"

He said we honor "Others" <u>lst Peter 2:17</u> ESV and <u>Romans 12:10</u> NKJV. We honor "Authority." <u>Romans 13:1-2</u> NIV and <u>Hebrews 13:17</u> NKJV. We honor "Marriage" <u>Hebrews 13:4</u> NIV. We honor "Age" <u>Leviticus 19:32</u> NIV. We honor "God" <u>lst Samuel 2:30</u> NLT.

Why do you think "each" of the five areas shared are significant? What does honor require of us in "each" of these five areas? Which of the five area's do you struggle with the most and why?

- 2.) Read <u>2nd Timothy 2:20-21</u> NKJV Pastor Jason said there are three ways we can posture ourselves toward honor:
- a.) "Humble" yourself Proverbs 15:33 NLT
- b.) Watch your "Words." <u>James 3:9-10 NIV</u>
- c.) "Prioritize" others. Philippians 2:3-4 NIV
- · Share one or more applications on how to apply "each" of the three ways in daily life.
- · Identify a time in each of the three areas when you were not honorable. Identify how you responded and why. **How should you have responded with an honoring posture?**

Why do you think humility is such a struggle for so many people?
What is your default mindset in crisis when it comes to words and how you use them?
What steps can you take to move closer to honor and away from dishonor?



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Apply It:

It's so easy for us to render evil for evil. But God would have us overcome evil with good. He would have us love our enemies, not hate them. God demonstrated His love for each of us as sinners - while we were at variance with Him. God set the example and Christ lived it out. God honored us when we were not honorable or worthy of honor. Whether the circumstance is good or bad, choose to honor. We extend honor not because the person or circumstance is deserving of honor. We extend honor because we are honorable. We are honorable because our Father in Heaven is honorable and has demonstrated honor to us. He calls us to be pure as He is pure. God has put His claim and His name upon your heart. Honor Him by being honorable in all things.

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, honor is a lost word and practice in today's society. We are so easily offended by such small insignificant things. Offense and harboring offense is poison to our souls. Help us grow in compassion. Help us grow in honor. Help us respect one another and honor one another not because of what we get from it, but because it's who we've become in Christ. Your Spirit abides in us Lord God. May we be sons, daughters, kings, queens, ambassadors, and servants that bring You glory. May we demonstrate our love and honor to others as You have demonstrated Your love and honor for us, in Christ we pray, amen.