

# THE THINGS WE DO

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**WARM UP QUESTIONS:** How do you know when you are being honored? What do people usually do?

**READ:** Mark 6:1-5 & Romans 12:10

**FOCUS:** When we honor others, it brings honor to God and it invokes blessings.

## **OBSERVE:**

Honor is regarding people and loving them in a godly way regardless of who they are, what they do and what they bring.

- Honor is important to God. He incorporates the concept of honor in the commandments. In the Old Testament, also see God emphasize the importance of honor in His dealings with Aaron and Miriam when they grumble against Moses. Additionally, we see honor being addressed when it comes to Noah and his sons. Noah blesses his sons for covering him but curses Ham's son for dishonoring him.
- When we honor others, it helps to distinguish us as God's people who are motivated by honoring God to honor others. Practicing honor within our community cultivates personal humility.
- Honor is not two-faced or merely providing lip service, where we treat people kindly to their face and are cruel behind closed doors. Honor is not doing what we have been asked to do and all the while we are rolling our eyes and stomping our feet in the process. Honor is not being or acting like a doormat and acquiescing to ungodly requests out of the fear of man when instead we should be speaking the truth in love.
- Honor is connected to integrity. It shows love to others, even those who aren't close in your life.
- Honor acknowledges and shows regard for a person's God-given authority even when they are irresponsible. It is important to address the difference between respect and honor, we can have different values from someone and still choose to honor them as a person. Disagreeing does not have to come with dishonor. Honor remembers it is not just about you; someone else has feelings, goals, dreams and aspirations.

## **TAKING ACTION:**

- Consider joining our Love Better discipleship class as part of your journey on the King's Park discipleship path. It will be offered this coming fall and is geared to help you continue growing in your ability to love and honor others.
- Find two people this week who are in need of honor and go out of your way to honor them from a place of joy and overflowing in the love of God.

## **REFLECT:**

- We know honor is not a frequent experience in our secular culture; remind yourself of a time when you felt honored or celebrated; what was that experience like? How would that feel to those in your life?
- What are the distractions that keep you from wanting to honor certain people in your life?

## **PRAY:**

*Lord Jesus, we ask that You would give us hearts overflowing with the joy and love that we need to honor You by honoring others. Help us to partner with Christ to see those in need of honoring. We love You, Jesus, and we place our hope in You to overcome all that would prevent us from honoring You and others in this world, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

