

# DO THE HONORS

## STAND ALONE MESSAGE

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### START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Share about the earliest birthday party you remember attending.

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### START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- How has honor changed in our culture during your lifetime?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

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### START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What were some of your first encounters as a child/teen with being told to give honor?
- Why is honor important?
- Is it hypocritical to honor someone in person whom you disparage in private? If so, what would be the solution for that?
- Read Matt 13:53-58. Hold 3 minutes of vocal groupthink noticing everything you can about the passage.
- What connection do you think there is between “without honor” and “lack of faith?”
- How do you respond to being honored? (Don’t think a big party in your “honor,” but being noticed and properly valued for your impact.)
- Read Romans 12:10. What are examples you can think of where people “outdo one another” when it comes to honor? (i.e. Chick-Fil-A)
- How do you still honor your parents, living or deceased?
- How have you honored your spiritual leaders?
- Mark shared that when we honor others, we destroy deposits of shame that an build up in their lives. Do you think honor has that much power? Why or why not?

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### START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father. You know me better than I know myself and still want to use me! Help me believe what you believe for me! Amen.

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### START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Who is someone your group can think of who is not receiving the honor they should/could be? Take action as a group.

### **Matthew 15:39 (NIV)**

<sup>39</sup> After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.

### **Romans 12:10 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

### **Exodus 20:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

### **Romans 13:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

### **1 Timothy 5:17-18 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

<sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

### **Philippians 2:25-30 (NIV)**

<sup>25</sup> But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

<sup>26</sup> For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill.

<sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

<sup>29</sup> Welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor men like him,

<sup>30</sup> because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

### **John 15:1-8 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

<sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.