

THE HONOR PRINCIPLE

Big Idea: Memorial Day is about honoring heroes. It's a day to remember those who died in active military service fighting for our country.

Honor is a vital principle in God's Word. He designed you to live as an honoring and honorable person. In fact, the Lord has commanded us to honor Him and the people around us. To do this, it's important to understand that honor is a gift to be given. When we value others and express honor to them, they feel affirmed and appreciated. At the same time, we also benefit greatly as we give honor by becoming more thoughtful and aware, pleasant, grateful, inspired, motivated, educated and wise.

1 Samuel 2:30b (NIV) *But now the Lord declares: ... "Those who honor me I will honor."*

Romans 13:7b (TLB) *Give honor and respect to all those to whom it is due.*

Start Talking:

- Who are the people in your life that are the easiest for you to honor?
- If someone wanted to honor you, what should they do to make you feel honored?

Start Thinking:

- **1 Samuel 2:30b says:** But now the Lord declares: ... "Those who honor me I will honor." What does honoring God daily entail? How do you believe God honors us?
- **Read Deuteronomy 5:16, and Proverbs 3:9-10.** In these two verses we are instructed to honor the Lord with our resources and to honor those that He has put in authority over us. What are some practical ways that we can grow in these two areas (be specific)?
- **Read Ephesians 6:5-7, & 1 Peter 2:17.** Why do you think honor is not a more prominent value in our culture? What can we do to ensure that it is a value at our work and amongst our friends and family?
- What do you think are some signs that someone does not have a healthy view of honor? How can someone change their perspective?

Start Praying:

Ask your group members where is (at least) one area that they would like to grow in how they honor. Pray for your group boldly, asking God to help you honor him first and foremost. Also, ask God to help the individuals in your group to take bold steps in honoring others this week.

Start Doing:

- Attend church online this coming weekend - <https://church-redeemer.churchonline.org>. If possible host a watch party over Facebook and be part of service with your group.