

WEEK FIVE

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” **Exodus 20:12**

MAN ON THE STREET QUESTION

What kind of impact did your father or mother have on you? When is the last time you told them?

SUMMARY

In a culture that celebrates youth, the fifth commandment celebrates parents. Young children are instructed to obey their father and mother, and older children - you? - are instructed to honor theirs. When we do, life works better for everyone.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What comes to mind when you think of honoring or obeying your parents as a child? What about as an adult? Does it bring up good memories or perhaps painful ones?
2. If there is/was one aspect of your relationship with your parents that you could change, what would it be and why?
3. Does your relationship with your parents affect your relationship with God and vice versa? If so, how?