



SPECIAL SERMON
"Honor Dew Part 1"
Sermon Small Group Questions
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

- This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. After considering the needs of your group, you may choose one of the following options:
 1. one section of questions
 2. one or two questions from each section
- Feel free to adapt the format to meet the needs of your group. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, add Scripture and ask suitable questions. Remember that this is only a guide.
- Personal application is key to everyone's growth and should be included in every discussion. When asked how he or she intends to apply a certain principle a group member may say, "I need to spend more time in the Bible and in prayer." It is important for you to help group members make applications that are more specific and commit to a specific plan of action by asking, for example, "How are you going to begin?" An example is to get up 30 minutes earlier each morning, spending 15 minutes reading the Bible and 10 minutes in prayer. Encourage each group member to be accountable to the group for personal progress at the next meeting.
- As the leader your goal is to help bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their need for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.

INTRODUCTION

Honor is not a topic that you hear discussed much in church or school, it's not taught in college or even seminary classes. Businesses and companies don't provide seminars or training for their employees to enforce the value and conduct of HONOR.

We live, predominately, in a culture of dishonor.

HONOR = putting value on something or someone, to value, respect, or highly esteem, to treat as precious, weighty or valuable

DISHONOR = treating something or someone as common / to devalue

MESSAGE

[Psalm 104:1-2]

*O LORD my God, You are very great:
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
You cover Yourself with light as with a garment,
You stretch out the heavens like a curtain.*

Dishonor causes everything to deteriorate Honor causes everything to elevate!
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“Honor brings a cultural change, because it is a counter culture value!”

A snap shot of our culture can be found in the following verse:

[2 Tim. 3:3-5]

You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

How do we establish His Kingdom?

‘We are going to displace a culture of dishonor by creating a culture of honor!

- We will displace the culture of self-centeredness by intentionally creating a culture of serving one another and putting the needs of others first.
- We will displace a culture of rebellion & pride by creating a culture of intentional submission & humility.
- We will displace the culture of greed and materialism by creating a culture of giving, generosity & serving the poor.
- We will displace a culture of degrading women through pornography, prostitution and human trafficking by creating a culture where women are seen as precious, daughters of the king, sisters in Christ and joint-heirs of the gifts of God.
- We will displace a culture that dishonors the house of God & belittles the value of the church by creating a culture that highly values the body of Christ, cherishes the assembly of the people of God and truly believes that the local church is the hope of the world!

- We will displace a culture of dishonor by intentionally building a culture of honor!

WE ARE BRINGING HONOR BACK!

[Romans 13:7]

For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

Where is honor due?

1. Honor those God has placed in a position of authority in your life

[Deut 5:16]

“Honor your father and mother, as the LORD your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Jesus quoted the 5th commandment, “honor your father and mother” validating that honor should be given to those God has placed in authority.

How you were treated by your parents or by those in authority over you is irrelevant.

Respect is earned, trust is earned but Honor is given. You can give honor before someone is living honorably.

Parents, employers, law enforcement, mayors, governors and presidents all deserve honor!

2. Honor each other

[Romans 12:10]

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

[1 Peter 2:15-17]

15 It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.

16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.

Honoring those over us makes sense and we get that, but God wants us to honor up, down and all around us.

“Perhaps we are never more like Jesus than when we are giving honor to those who have been dishonored!”

3. Honor your marriage and your spouse

[Hebrews 13:4]

Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

[1 Peter 3:7]

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

4. Honor your Body

[1 Thes. 4:3-4]

God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. ⁴ Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—

[1 Corinthians 6:18-20]

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

5. Honor Jesus

[Mark 6:1-6]

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. ² The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” ³ Then they scoffed, “He’s just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us.” They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

⁴ Then Jesus told them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.” ⁵ And because of their unbelief, he couldn’t do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Dishonor negates the supernatural work of God in our lives! Where there is no honor, there are no miracles. A lack of honor diminishes even eliminates supernatural activity!

When the Holy becomes common, we dishonor the presence of Jesus and the Word of God because Jesus is the Word.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is your definition of Honor?**
- 2. What are some symptoms our culture is experiencing due to dishonor?**
- 3. How has dishonor effected you and your family?**
- 4. What are some ways you can infuse your family with honor?**
- 5. How are you doing honoring your boss, co-worker, government, spouse, children?**
- 6. Why is it sometimes difficult to give honor?**
- 7. Who around you has been dishonored that you can give honor to?**
- 8. What adjustments need to be made in your life to show more honor to Jesus?**