

What do you think are some of the benefits we receive when our parents are happy because of us?

## HONORING MY PARENTS

*“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

### BRINGING IT HOME

7. Does honoring your parents come easily for you, or is it a struggle?

8. What can you do to show your parents more “honor”?

**What would you say to someone who said:** “You don’t know my parents. They don’t deserve to be honored.”

What other questions do you have from this week’s sermon that you would like to discuss in your Growth Group?

## Growth Group Homework

For the Week of November 8, 2009

### WARMING UP

1. In our society, who are some people that we honor?

*For those of us whose parents have already passed away, answer these questions to the best of your best ability.*

2. Write down six or seven words that best describe your dad and mom (be honest, even if the words are negative).

3. Why is it so difficult to honor our parents?

### INTO THE BIBLE

4. **Read Ephesians 6:1-3.** What are the differences between obeying our parents and honoring them?

In what ways is it different for a 12 year old to honor his/her parents than for an adult?

What if a parent tells his or her child to do something that goes against God's Word—do you think that child is still suppose to obey?

5. **Ephesians 6:4** in the New Living Translation says this: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."

According to this verse, what does God expect from parents?

After reading this verse, what seems to be a parent's responsibility when raising a child?

**Remember:** Even if a parent doesn't follow God's commands, we need to! If our parents didn't do their their part, we are still responsible to do ours!

6. **Read Proverbs 23:24-25.** According to this passage, what is a good way to make your parents joyful?