



ENGAGE GUIDE

SUNDAY'S SERMON // SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 EPHESIANS 6:1-4 // AS IMITATORS... OBEY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Use these questions in your community (family, life group, ABF, etc.) to apply this sermon in your life.

1. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. Children are instructed to obey their parents, and all are admonished to honor their father and mother. As we grow, our relationship with our parents naturally shifts from obedience to honor, if in the context of a healthy relationship. Have you experienced this with your parents? How so? How about with your children if they are grown?
2. Pastor Joel contrasted the word "obey" in this passage with the word "submit" that Tony preached on last week. Explain the differences between these two words. Why do you think in the context of this passage written to children, the word obey is used?
3. Verse 3 contains a promise for those who obey their parents. What might this mean? Does obedience to parents guarantee long life and blessing? Why is the word "enjoy" relevant?
4. Parenting is discipleship. Why is exasperating your child unhelpful in the discipleship process? What are healthier ways of setting boundaries and using authority? (For non-parents, consider this in the context of your Oikos, those who care what you have to say.)
5. The entire charge to children and parents in this section is set within the context of exalting the Lord in the way we relate to each other. Spend time in prayer for each other praying that each of you may exalt God through your relationships.

NEXT SUNDAY // SUNDAY, MARCH 6 EPHESIANS 6:5-9

SCRIPTURE: READING ABOUT GOD

Take time to read and become familiar with this passage before hearing it preached next Sunday.

- What words were used/repeated/emphasized in this passage?
- Where else in Scripture are these words described/illustrated?
- How does this passage describe God?
- In your own words, summarize this passage, trying to identify the main theme.

PRAYER: COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Allow your responses to these questions to affect your prayers this week for...

- Yourself
- The Church
- Your Oikos