



Mother's Day Giving Honor - Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts:

- **What was one simple way you experienced God's love this week?**
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs and the message? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- **Read Ephesians 6:1-3.** Derek encouraged us to hear this passage as Paul's encouragement to Christians living in a secular culture and directed toward believers of all ages (not only to young people).
 - Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you from this passage?
 - How did today's message allow you to hear these words in a new way?
- Ephesians 6:2-3 mentions that this command comes with a promise. Derek shared, "God anticipated that His people would 'honor' their parents as they age." **How have you seen this promise fulfilled in others' lives? Have you seen it in your own relationships? How so?**
- The sermon offered two practical applications:
 - Speak of their [parents'] qualities
 - Serve them sacrificially**Take some time to write down some simple ways you could do this – for your parents and for any other godly influences in your life. How do you sense God prompting you to respond?**
- Derek offered the image of a tree trunk with rings that extend out as a picture of having a strong core that supports the whole tree. He encouraged us to strengthen our core connection to Christ and to the work of loving selflessly. **No matter your role, how can you renew your core commitment to being rooted in Christ and loving selflessly?**
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Dealing with Difficulties and Disappointments -

<https://www.wschurch.org/seriesresources>

Life is full of challenges and disappointments but hope and healing are possible. We have collected staff selected resources for our *Here Comes Trouble* teaching series to help you learn and grow—even in difficult circumstances. You'll find our digital resource, Dealing with Difficulties and Disappointments, which offers some simple, practical steps, using the link above. There's also a way you can reach out to talk to someone for care and support. Be sure to check back each week for new resources to go along with each message.

Message Main Points & Scripture:

- **When we prep our kids with God's wisdom, they contribute to God's fame on earth.**
- **a strong Christ-centered marriage and a healthy family are vital to living out the grace & peace of God**
- Ephesians 6:1 – “Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.”
- **Christian parents exist to protect, guide and provide as they move their kids toward Christ.**
- “because you belong to the Lord.”
- **When parents exist in the Lord, they equip their children in the Lord.**
- Ephesians 4:1 – “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.”
- Humble, Gentle, Patient, Unifier (Ephesians 4:2-3), Speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), (you are) Kind, Tender-hearted, and Forgiving (Ephesians 4:32)
- Ephesians 6:1 - “For this is the right thing to do”
- Ephesians 6:2; Exodus 20:12 - “Honor your father and mother.”
- **God anticipated that His people would “honor” their parents as they age.**
- **“Children, no matter your age, experience the full weight and be burdened with the honorable responsibility of caring for your parents as they age, when they can no longer care for themselves as they once did.”**
- **“Speak” of their qualities**
- **“Serve” them sacrificially**
- Ephesians 6:2b-3; Deuteronomy 5:16 – “This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, ‘things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.’”
- **“long life” (TIME) “on the earth” (PLACE)**
- Proverbs 31:28a - “Her children arise and call her blessed”