



Summer at Central: Wisdom Wk 6

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"Wisdom is supreme; therefore, get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding." (Proverbs 4:7)

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him." John 12:26 (ESV)

HONOR: _____, _____, _____

THE CHALLENGE:

We desire to be viewed with _____, _____, and _____ but we do a poor job of creating a culture of honor.

WHY HONOR:

1. HONOR _____ THE _____ IN OUR LIVES.
(Exodus 20:12 NIV)

2. HONOR IS FOR _____ . (Romans 12:10 NIV)

3. HONOR IS AN _____ of _____. (Ephesians 6:7-8 NLT)

HOWTO HONOR:

1. _____ People (Proverbs 3:9; Philippians 2:3 NIV)

2. _____ People (Ephesians 4:29 NLT)

3. _____ People (John 15:13 ESV)

A culture of **honor** is created when we _____, _____, and _____ people because...

ULTIMATELY THAT IS WHAT JESUS DID FOR US.

Talk it Over:

“Creating a Culture of Honor”

Big Idea:

Honor is important to God because when we show honor to someone, we recognize God’s claim on them – that they are made in His image & are eternally important to Him. By showing honor, we add value, worth, or weight to someone. We show honor by prioritizing, praising, & protecting people. Honoring someone not only agrees with God’s claim on them, but it also blesses us. When we dishonor someone, we take God’s claim on them lightly. It’s important to remember that, while respect is earned, honor is given, regardless of how someone acts. It’s a choice to see someone from God’s perspective & treat them accordingly.

Discussion Questions:

- Prior to this message, what was your view of honor? How has this message helped you understand why we honor one another?
- What are some examples of how we can prioritize people as an expression of honor?
- Read James 3:9-10 aloud, “With the tongue we praise our Lord & Father, & with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise & cursing. My brothers & sisters, this should not be.”
- What are ways that we can embrace the language of honor & praise one another?
- As you heard the message on honor, who came to mind that you might be able to do a better job of showing him/her honor? How might you show them honor this week?

Prayer Focus This Week:

Pray that God would help us to put other people first & honor people in our life. Ask God to help you see others from His perspective – how to show them honor based on who they are in Him & not what they deserve.

Next Steps:

- Challenge yourself to be an individual who displays honor. The next time you see someone that you don’t feel is deserving of honor, honor them anyway. Not because they deserve it, but because you recognize God’s claim on them – that they are made in His image & are eternally important to Him.
- Speak words of life & take hold of Ephesians 4:29-30 which says, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”