

May 29, 2022

Count to Ten

Important Info

Study Help

Along the way, you might consider these beneficial additional resources.

The first resource is Jen Wilkin's book "*Ten Words to Live By*." Copies of this book can be purchased before or after Sunday services at Connection Central.

The second resource is a free online commentary that can be found at <https://bit.ly/3slhfjx>



Friendly Reminder

Don't let your familiarity with the Ten Commandments prevent you from thinking deeply about what they mean in the life of the Church, and in your life specifically.

Important Dates

June 1-July 27	Summer Reading Club
June 12	MVP Dinner & Dessert
June 13-17	Kids Virtual VBS
June 20-24	Generate Summer Camp
June 27-July 1	Connect Camp

Additional information for these events and more can be found online at LegacyChurch.org

Scripture Memory (optional)

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you. - Exodus 20:12 (NASB)

Count to Ten *Group Discussion / Exodus 20:12*

Opening

Leaders and group members, today's topic has the potential to carry strong memories and emotions as many people have strained or hurtful relationships with parents (or children), or have lost one or both parents. Please use wisdom, discernment, and care as you navigate today's passage and discussion. Please know that in preparation to today's lesson, Pastor Justin spent time praying for you and any grief that you carry with you.

Consider a time when you were younger that you did not honor your mother and father? What did that moment look like? Why did you behave that way? Have you since confessed and/or healed from that moment? Parents, do you often find your children dishonoring you? How do you navigate the pain and frustration of those situations?

Bible Study

Dr. Thomas Constable states *"All Israelites were to honor their parents, because parents are God's representatives to their children in God's administrative order of society. Thus the fifth commandment is as foundational to commandments six through ten, as the first commandment is to commandments two through four."* Based on Pastor Patrick's sermon, your own familiarity with the Ten Commandments, and any study you may have done, do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

In Ronald Youngblood's commentary on Exodus, he comments that the word honor can be described as *"to prize highly," "to care for,"* and *"to show respect for"* our father and mother. In what way(s) would the Israelites be able to fulfill this commandment? In what ways do we now fulfill this commandment with our own parents? Is there any room to grow? If so, how can you? If not, what prevents you from doing so?

The Moody Bible Commentary writes *"Rebellion and insubordination to parents, governments (cf. Rm 13), teachers, and others, ultimately is rebellion and insubordination to God. The commandment is not just applicable to minor children but teaches that adult children are to have respect and to care for their aged parents."* How does this sit with you, knowing that the commandment is not given just to young children but applicable to all people with living parents? What is hardest for you to believe or accept about this commandment? Is there a way to encourage others in your life that may be in need of honoring their parents?

As Peter Enns highlights, the second half of this commandment is not a personal blessing, but is *"a blessing for a people to possess a land under God's rule and thus become a light to the nations."* Why is it important to remember this is a communal blessing for the Israelites, and not an individual one? Can honoring your mother and father result in a communal blessing for Christians? Why is that important?

Can you recall anywhere in the New Testament that this commandment is repeated? And why is that important? (*Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20*)

Closing

If you have living parents, commit to reaching out this week to offer a word of love, encouragement, and gratitude. If you are unable to do that (for any reason), consider reaching out to a spiritual "mother" or "father" to express your honor and gratitude.