



# 10 COMMANDMENTS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# The Fifth Commandment: Honor Thy Father & Mother

(Deuteronomy 5.1-6, 16)

The week of October 14th, 2018

## WELCOME

Since it's still early in the year, spend some time having everyone introduce themselves. Go around the room and have everyone share their name, where they live, what they do during the day, etc. Also talk about your group schedule and format, expectations, how your meetings will go, etc.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Share the following things coming up in the life of the church:*

- **Beautiful Orthodoxy Conference | October 23-25**

New City is playing host to a conference for pastors, staff and spouses in the PCA called Beautiful Orthodoxy. It's going to be an incredible conference. We need help with volunteers Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and evening, and Thursday morning. If you're able to serve in a time slot, you'll also get to sit in on some of the sessions and hear amazing music and teaching. Sign up on The City for a time slot to serve. We'll train you on the job if you're helping with coffee or keynote.

- **Missional Motherhood | Thursday, November 1st 9a**

With the holidays around the corner, please join moms of all ages as we discuss ideas for choosing Christ-oriented traditions with intention. We'll meet in the Lower Level of the Church, childcare and breakfast provided. RSVP required by Mon, Oct 22, if you need childcare. Join The "Missional Motherhood" Group on the The City for updates & info. Contact Nancy Musser: [nancyrosemusser@gmail.com](mailto:nancyrosemusser@gmail.com) or (513) 233-1128

- **New City Guys' Open Gym Basketball | Mondays in Sept and Oct 7-9p**

Guys...join us at the Sharpsburg Elementary gym (4400 Smith Rd) from 7-9 pm on Monday nights in Sept. and Oct. We are asking everyone who comes to bring \$10 if they can to offset the cost to the church. Reach out to Patrick Clinton with questions: [pdclinton@gmail.com](mailto:pdclinton@gmail.com)

- **Gem of the Highlands 5K | November 10, 2018 8:30a**

Join our Norwood neighbors in the first annual Gem of the Highlands 5K. Run or walk through some of our favorite streets in the beautiful presidential district of Norwood. 100% of proceeds each year will go back to municipal needs and initiatives that benefit the community. This year, they are focusing on Norwood parks. Sign up today: [norwoodrun.com](http://norwoodrun.com)

## OPENING PRAYER

Open your group in prayer. Pray extemporaneously, or use this prayer:

*Father in heaven, we pray that you would give us eyes to see and ears to hear as we spend time together this evening opening your Scriptures and discussing what it means for our lives. Help us spur one another on toward love and good deeds, for your glory. Amen.*

## ICBREAKER

Rate your week 1-10 (no 5's). Why did you give it the score you did?

## STUDY/DISCUSSION

1. **Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6, 16.** In our society, who are some people that we honor?
2. Pass out a 3x5 notecard or a small piece of paper. Have everyone write down 4-5 words that describe their mom and dad. Go around and share.
3. What do you think it means to “honor” our parents? How does this change as you go from a dependent child to an adult?
4. **Read Ephesians 6:1-3 and Colossians 3:20.** What do you learn from these verses about keeping the 5th Commandment?
5. **Read Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21.** According to these verses, what does God expect from parents?
6. Does honoring your parents come easy for you, or is it a struggle? Why?
7. The Westminster Larger Catechism expands the scope of the 5th Commandment beyond the nuclear family. “By father and mother, in the fifth commandment are meant, not only natural parents, but all superiors in age... and especially such as, by God’s ordinance, are over us in places of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.” Do you agree? Why or why not?  
  
*(HINT: If families are the smallest constituent parts of societies, then authority and harmony in the family prepares us for authority structures in the rest of life. As the Israelites are about to launch out and create a new nation, God knows that strong families are key to a flourishing society. As the family goes, so goes the nation.)*
8. The Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 127 explains how we might honor authorities in our lives. Read through this list and talk about what stands out to you. How can you grow in honoring the authorities in your life?
  - all due reverence in heart, word and behavior
  - prayer and thanksgiving for them
  - imitation of their virtues and graces
  - willful obedience to their lawful commands and counsels
  - due submission to their corrections
  - bearing with their infirmities
  - covering them in love
9. **Read Acts 5:27-29.** How is this a check on the power of authorities in our lives?
10. How does Jesus fulfill the 5th Commandment?

## **PRAY**

Take some time to pray together. This can be done together as a whole group, or in smaller groups. Exchange prayer requests. You may also use the prayer below if it's helpful. (And leaders, follow up with a post on the City or as a "Resource" in Planning Center with a list of prayer requests as a reminder to be praying for one another).