

Sermon Questions: Honor Your Parents

Exodus 20:12

1. Share a time when you felt disrespected by one of your children or grandchildren or just disrespected by someone much younger than you. What was that like? How did you respond?
2. Do you think the younger generation in America today is better, worse or about the same as previous generations in terms of being polite, respectful, grateful and committed to the Lord?
3. Read Exodus 20:12. What do you think it means to “honor your father and mother?”
4. Pastor Mark suggests that the way in which young children and teens can best honor their parents is through obedience and gratitude. Do you agree or disagree? Why do you think it is sometimes difficult for children/teens to express gratitude?
5. How has the view of your parents changed from the time you were a teenager to the time you became an adult?
6. How do you feel about the possibility of caring for your aging parents/in-laws?
7. How do you want to be cared for when/if you get to the point where you need care in your sunset years?
8. Why do you think it is important for families to have a conversation about elder care before that care becomes a pressing issue?
9. Pastor Mark addresses the fact that some people are deeply wounded adults because they grew up with abusive or dysfunctional parents. Do you know anyone in that situation? What would you say to someone who shared that their childhood was abusive?
10. How does forgiveness help heal the wounds of a painful childhood? How does forgiveness validate the pain but help people move toward healing?
11. What is the one piece of advice you would give a new parent today?