

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“Mother’s Day at the Rock”

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MEMORY VERSE

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—³"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

- Ephesians 6:2-3

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Getting Started

1. Mother’s Day is a great day to honor mothers. Tell the group your favorite “mom story”. You could start the story like this, “One time, my mother and I...”
2. Mothers, describe the joy of being a mother. Talk about a great memory of your own children. What brings you joy as a mother?
3. In some cultures, all older women are called “mother” and all older men are called “father”. Phoebe, most likely, had become a mother figure to many in the church- maybe even the Apostle Paul. Think about a woman who has become a mother figure to you. Describe how she earned such an honorable distinction in your life.

Digging Deeper:

1. Revisit some “honor your mother” passages: Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 5:16; Deuteronomy 27:16. What is the outcome of honoring your mother (and father)? What does God promise you when you honor your mother?
2. What comes to mind when you think of honoring your own mother (or a mother figure)? How have you honored her in the past? How are you endeavoring to honor her as an adult?
3. Take a look at a few mothers who acted honorably by expressing great devotion to their children: Exodus 2:1-4; 1 Samuel 1:10-11, 20-28; 2 Timothy 1:3-5. Describe what made their behavior honorable. What was it they did to be worthy of honor?
4. How did your mother express great devotion to you? What words of gratefulness come to mind when you think about her devotion? Mothers have the ability to impact us like no other person. How did your mother impact you?
5. Read Ephesians 6:2-3. God promises that life “will go well with you” when you honor your parents. How have you learned this lesson in your own life? What are some lessons you have had to relearn as an adult because you didn’t honor your mother in childhood?

Bringing it Home

1. Think about your relationship with your mother (or a mother figure). Think about her influence and impact on your life. What is a specific example of how your mother truly guided your life?
2. Paul wanted to make sure that Phoebe was honored by those in Rome. Today, how can you honor your mother? How can she know you view her as important and irreplaceable in your life? What words can you speak? What actions can you show?
3. Mothers, is there anything you want to do to more richly influence and impact your children? Describe your ideas to the group.