

# Community Group Discussion Guide

THE  
**10 COMMANDMENTS**  
A GOSPEL PERSPECTIVE

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Scripture: Exodus 20:12

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The fifth commandment teaches that God has established parents as the authority in the family, and that we honor Him by respecting and faithfully obeying our parents.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What is the purpose of the 10 Commandments? What do they reveal about God and us?
- What does it mean to honor? What don't we honor our parents as we should?
- How has the democratizing of the family in our culture impacted the family?
- What is the role of parents? How do parents raise their children to honor authority?
- Explain how a Christ-centered approach to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment connects with the broader imperative to honor all authorities instituted by God, including God Himself (Ephesians 5:18-21; Hebrews 13:7; 1 Peter 5:5; Titus 3:1).
- Children, do you recognize and respect the role of parenthood? Adult children, do you show respect honor even when you disagree with your parents? Parents, do you allow your child to dishonor you?
- How does honoring parents look like at various stages of life (young kids, teens, adult children)? Are there times when submission to parental authority is not warranted? Explain.
- How did religious leaders in Jesus' day justify dishonoring parents (Mark 7:11)? How did Jesus perfectly fulfill this commandment with his earthly parents (John 19:26-27)? How did his perfect obedience to the Father benefit us (Phil 2:8-9)?