

May 5, 2024

HONOR



Honoring Volunteers

Romans 1:1-10 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. ⁹Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Summary:

In a culture that prioritizes cancelling out others over celebrating their accomplishments, “honor” seems to be a forgotten word. In society’s shift to self-awareness and self-satisfaction, we have lost the understanding that valuing those around us is actually a good thing.

In today’s sermon, we will discover that honoring others should be a response to the free gift of salvation that Jesus provided for us. Honoring others is more than a lifestyle that allows us to be more like Jesus.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. If you had to give our society a grade on how well we honor one another, what grade would you give?
2. If you had to give yourself a grade on how well you honor others, what grade would you give?
3. Describe a time that you were honored by another person, group or organization. How did it make you feel?
4. Describe a time that you were NOT honored by another person, group or organization. How did it make you feel?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. What is the significance of “therefore” in verse 1?
2. What are the “mercies” Paul is referring to in verse 1?
3. What is the most reasonable response to God’s great mercy?
4. What does it mean to present your body “as a living sacrifice”?
5. What are other scriptures that speak about “honoring others”?

April 28, 2024

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Application Questions:

1. What are the personal benefits of honoring others?
2. "Respect is earned. Honor is given." What are your thoughts on this statement?
3. Which translation of Romans 12:10 do you like best? Why?
 - MSG – practice playing second fiddle
 - AMP – give preference to one another
 - NLT – take delight in honoring one another
 - TPT – try to outdo yourselves in respecting others
 - EASY – Be really happy in respecting others
4. Who is someone that you need to more intentional in honoring? How can you honor this individual?
5. Honoring others is a form of worship. How does this truth change your intentionality of honoring others?