

## Part 5

### Big Idea

Honor is important to God because when we show honor to someone, we recognize God's claim on them—that they are made in His image and are eternally important to Him. By showing honor, we add value, worth, or weight to someone. We show honor by prioritizing, praising, and protecting people. Honoring someone not only agrees with God's claim on them, but it also blesses us. When we dishonor someone, we take God's claim on them lightly. It's important to remember that, while respect is earned, honor is given, regardless of how someone acts. It's a choice to see someone from God's perspective and treat them accordingly.

*The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother.*  
(Proverbs 10:1)

*Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.* (Proverbs 31:31)

### Discussion Questions

- Prior to this message, what was your view of honor? How has this message helped you understand why we honor one another?
- What are some examples of how we can prioritize people as an expression of honor?
- Read aloud James 3:9-10: "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be." What are ways that we can embrace the language of honor and praise one another?
- How can we protect the people in our lives just as two of Noah's sons did when they found him naked and drunk in his tent?

### Prayer Focus

Pray that God would help us to put other people first and honor the people in our life. Ask God to help you see others from His perspective—how to show them honor based on who they are in Him and not what they deserve.

### Next Step

- Challenge yourself to "the honor test." The next time you see someone that you don't feel is deserving of honor, honor them anyway.
- Speak words of life and take hold of Ephesians 4:29-30 which says, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God."

### Leader Tip

Share the practical ways in which you prioritize, praise, and protect the people in your life.