

EXODUS

Week 23

Memory Verse:

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Who is one person that you are building with that you can take the next step with this week? What do you plan to do?

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Exodus 20:12; 21:15 & 17; Leviticus 20:9, Deuteronomy 21:18-21, and Ephesians 6:1-4

**Note: While some of these passages help us understand how serious God takes rebellion against parents, we are under the New Covenant of grace and the punishments listed for breaking the law are paid for in Christ.*

If honoring our parents includes: reverence, obedience, and gratitude – in what ways does American culture encourage us to disregard this command?

In what ways do you personally find fulfilling this command difficult? How would you like to grow in submission to this command?

Parents, how can we grow in helping raise children that learn to honor us? Which of these categories do you find most difficult to foster in your children?

How does the sacrifice of Christ and adoption into God's family bring us hope when we consider the fifth commandment?