



**COMMUNITY  
GROUPS**  
Be known and grow



## 31 July 2022 | On the Home Front | Relationships

‘Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.’  
– 1 Peter 2:17 ESV

### **Making a start**

What was your favourite fairy tale or Bible story as a child?

### **Keeping it real**

Relationships hurt. Relationships heal. God made us for relationship – with Himself and with others. But we are not perfect; we hurt each other. Then, to protect our hearts, we often turn our backs on relationships but in doing so we close the door to our healing. Honour is the key that unlocks the potential for relationships to work as God intended.

### **Living it out**

1. How would you define honour as a verb? Look this up in the dictionary.  
*To honour means to value or give weight to another person.*
2. What is the biblical motivation for honouring others?  
*We honour others because they are made in the image of God.*
3. Look up and discuss these Scriptures in how they relate to relationships and honouring one another: Luke 14:8; Exodus 20:12; Romans 13:1-7; Colossians 3:22-23, 4:1; 1 Timothy 1:17, 5:17; Proverbs 15:33; 26:1 and 27:9.
4. How do you see honour playing out today in society?
5. Is there someone you know who stands out as an example of honouring others? Tell the group why you have picked this person.
6. Read the fairy tale at the end of this guideline. What message does it drive home?
7. Is there someone you overlook or undervalue? What is God saying to you about this?
8. How can you live out the value of honouring others on your frontline?

## **Prayer**

- Spend time waiting on God regarding question 7 above. Share what you feel God is saying to you about this? Is He saying anything to you as a group?
- Break into pairs and pray for one another about question 8 above.

## **Activation**

Read this fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm (even as a family in the week ahead) and discuss its significance.

### The Old Man and His Grandson

There was once a very old man, whose eyes had become dim, his ears dull of hearing, his knees trembled, and when he sat at table, he could hardly hold the spoon, and spilt the broth upon the tablecloth or let it run out of his mouth. His son and his son's wife were disgusted at this, so the old grandfather at last had to sit in the corner behind the stove, and they gave him his food in an earthenware bowl, and not even enough of it. And he used to look towards the table with his eyes full of tears. Once, too, his trembling hands could not hold the bowl, and it fell to the ground and broke. The young wife scolded him, but he said nothing and only sighed. Then they brought him a wooden bowl for a few half-pence, out of which he had to eat.

They were once sitting thus when the little grandson of four years old began to gather together some bits of wood upon the ground. 'What are you doing there?' asked the father. 'I am making a little trough,' answered the child, 'for father and mother to eat out of when I am big.'

The man and his wife looked at each other for a while, and presently began to cry. Then they took the old grandfather to the table, and henceforth always let him eat with them, and likewise said nothing if he did spill a little of anything.

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