W message notes

"Culture of Honor"

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Romans 12:9-21; 1 Samuel 24:1-2

1. Honor God.

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG); Psalm 142:1-3; 1 Samuel 24:3 Colossians 1:21-22

2. Choose honor.

Romans 12:9-12; 1 Samuel 24:3-4; 1 Samuel 24:5-7a; Matthew 5:38-39 Matthew 5:44; Galatians 5:14 (AMP); 1 Peter 3:9

3. Act out of honor.

Romans 12:17-19a; 1 Samuel 24:7b-13

4. Experience honor.

Romans 12:20; 1 Samuel 24:16-20

Romans 5:8-11; Colossians 1:21-23a

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

Honor up, honor down, honor ALL around. I believe my life should promote a culture of honor.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- Read Romans 12:9-21 and think about the definition of honor. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being "very honoring", how do you think most people view the church, and why did you choose that number? What would it take for you to raise that number?
- Read Matthew 5:38-39, 44. What would walking these verses out look like in today's world? Why would Jesus be promoting this lifestyle?
- Read Romans 12:1-2 (MSG). What does it look like for you to "fit in with the culture" and "get dragged down by it's immaturity"?
- Where do you need to personally work on honoring:
 - hiding behind comments online,
 - assembling followers when we are angry at and against someone,
 - paying more attention to thoughts that divide rather than unify,
 - or something else?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Read 1 Peter 3:9. Who is someone that God is asking you to intentionally honor? (Who were you thinking about when we made the declaration at the end of the message?) What will honor toward that person look like this week?

Care:

Read Colossians 1:21-22. Spend some time in thanks for all God has done for us.