



RELATIONAL VALUES

Honor

The D-Cycle is a curriculum containing content designed to establish the scriptural foundations of the faith in the life of a believer.

VISION FOR HONOR

God is worthy of all honor. Out of his overflowing love, He created humanity and bestowed on us the honor of bearing His image and likeness in the world. As followers of Jesus, we are invited to relate to God and other humans with a heart posture of honor.

Key Definitions

- **Honor:** a deep-seated awareness of something's value or worth, leading us "to celebrate someone for who they are without stumbling over who they are not" — Bill Johnson

HEAD

Summary of Points

1. God is worthy of all honor. (Job 38-41, Isaiah 6, Revelation 4)

Before we can change, we must first be honest about where we are - acknowledging our sin, brokenness, and the ways we have not met God's standard.

2. God has richly bestowed his honor on all of humanity by creating us in His image. Because of humanity's status of "image bearers" (see Genesis 1:26-27), honor does not need to be earned or deserved. It's innately woven into our nature. (Genesis 1; Psalm 139:13-16; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

God has called humanity to reflect His goodness in the world by ruling over it (Genesis 1:28). This radically shapes the way that we interact with others. We get to worship God by recognizing the value that He's placed on the people around us (Ephesians 5:21).

Counter-Narrative: Instead of demanding that someone bring honor to us by "checking all the right boxes", we are challenged to see and remember the value that God has placed on all humanity.

3. God is particularly interested in how His people honor those in specific social positions. These can often be found both in the Levitical law, and in Jesus' teachings/ministry.

Authority figures (from parents to Presidents) (Exodus 20:12; Exodus 22:28; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

The marginalized (those that are often overlooked) (Exodus 1 Corinthians 12:21-26; Matthew 25:31-46)

4. The Bible is full of stories that model how we can respond to God and others with honor

Jesus' life perfectly models how we can practically honor God, other believers, and the lost

(Matthew 15:21-18; John 4)

God's people imperfectly demonstrate what it looks like to walk in honor with God and with others

(Luke 17:11-19; John 12:1-8; John 12:12-19; Acts 23:1-5)

Lifegroup Scriptures

Creation

Genesis 1

**Mary Anoints Jesus at
Bethany**

John 12:1-8

**Loving the Least of
These**

Matthew 25:31-46

D-Group Scriptures

**Jesus and the
Woman of Samaria**

John 4:1-45

Discussion Methods

Below are two suggested methods for discussing Scripture.

Traditional DBS New Testament Letters	Inductive Bible Study Gospels, Acts, Old Testament Accounts
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What does this say about God?2. What does this say about me/people?3. What is my obedient response?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Observation – What happened?2. Interpretation – What does it mean?3. Application – How can I obey?

HEART

Questions

1. What does God's intentional design of humanity say about the way that He views us?
2. How does God's perspective on humanity shape the way that we view those around us?
3. What is one practical way that you can act in greater honor towards the people around you?

Lifegroup content ends here

HANDS

Discipleship Actions

1. How did Jesus' life on earth demonstrate honor to those he was around?
2. How have you practically seen other people demonstrate honor?
3. How can you practically implement these three aspects of honor into your life:
 1. Speaking highly of others in and outside the room
 2. Encouraging others
 3. Celebrating others
4. Identify someone who has been dishonored and show honor to them this week.

RESOURCES

Books

- [Theo of Golden](#) – Allen Levi