

POWERLIFE

DATE: Nov. 13, 2024

SERIES: 10 Commandments

TOPIC: You + Others (Honor/Honesty)

Big Questions: How WELL do YOU treat others? How WELL do OTHERS treat you? Does it even matter how people treat each other? Does it matter if we are kind/loving? WHY? How well are you HONORING your parents? (What does that even mean?) Are you being HONEST when you speak with others? Does the TRUTH actually matter? WHY or WHY NOT?

Main Takeaway: Did you know you can learn how to avoid hurting others (AND YOURSELF) by simply following God's Commands!? Honor your parents. (Be kind, respectful, truthful!) Don't murder, cheat, steal or lie! Don't waste time wishing you had someone else's life!

GETTING STARTED

- **TAKE ATTENDANCE!** If you have any students in your group who are not on your roster, please WRITE their names on your sheet! Also, please make note about who is missing.
- **WELCOME** anyone NEW this week! (Be sure they get supplies if REGISTERED)

SMALL GROUP COVENANT!

- Remind students of the RULES/EXPECTATIONS for group discussion!

DISCUSSION STARTERS *(only if needed – skip ahead to discussion questions for more time!)*

- **HIGHS/LOWS** – take time to go around the circle – allow space for students to share HIGHS (what's going well right now) and LOWS (what's NOT going so well right now?)

BUILDING HOPE FOR THE WORLD!

- Leaders – if you were not able to attend the Fireside Chat tonight (Bridge 6:00-6:30pm) please plan to attend another one coming up soon!
- Also, please be sure all students receive a PRAYER CARD!
 - Encourage them to write their prayers and Bible Verse and then prepare to bring it forward as an offering next week!
 - These prayers & Bible verses will be laid in the foundation of the new teen center!

POWERLIFE “SHOUTOUTS!”

- **NOTE:** leave your shoutouts at the Leader Table when you check out!

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- Have students look up and **HIGHLIGHT** these verses (pick a different student for each one!)

Deuteronomy 5:16-21 (page 204)

- POP QUIZ: Who did God give the 10 commandments to? (Moses!)
 - The first THREE Commandments are all about YOU and WHO? (YOU + GOD!)
- **#1 (no other gods) // #2 (Don't misuse God's name) // #3 (Keep the Sabbath day Holy!)**
- The rest of the Commandments are all about YOU and WHO? (YOU + OTHERS!)
 - **#4 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:16 (Honor your father and mother)**
 - *What does it mean to Honor your parents?*
(Obey. Listen to. Respect. Speak kindly of, even when they're not around.)
 - **#5 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:17 (Don't MURDER)**
 - *Why do you suppose God even made this a commandment?*
 - **#6 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:18 (Don't CHEAT)**
 - *How does it feel when someone cheats?*
 - **#7 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:19 (Don't STEAL)**
 - *Have you ever had something stolen from you? What? How did you feel?*
 - **#8 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:20 (Don't LIE)**
 - *Why do you think people avoid the truth (or lie) about things?*
 - **#9 & 10 Re-Read Deuteronomy 5:21 (Don't wish for someone else's life!)**
 - *Why do think God doesn't want us to wish for someone else's stuff?*

Romans 6:23 (page 1366)

- + **HIGHLIGHT** this verse! Take time to memorize it!

PRACTICE "SEARCHING" THE BIBLE!

- Take a moment to open to page 1597 and have students browse through all the various topics covered in the Bible. **Pick a subject, find the page, and read together!**

SERVICE PROJECTS!

- If your group would like to help make sandwiches for the homeless shelter, bring supplies for the Laundry Ministry, or donate food/clothing, please let us know!

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

- IDEA: Make time to read the Bible for 5 MINUTES each day!

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- Ask if any STUDENT wants to close your time together in prayer? OR as a leader, say a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over the group! End with the Lord's Prayer!

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please return your folder (and your roster with attendance) to the leader table. If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!! **THANK YOU!!**