

DATE: FEB. 26, 2025

SERIES: RELATIONSHIP GOALS

TOPIC: FAMILY! (How to Honor your Parents!)

WELCOME & ATTENDANCE!

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN THE GROUP HAS PRINTED THEIR NAMETAG!**
- **NEW STUDENTS:** If anyone is NEW this week, be sure they get supplies if REGISTERED.

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- Encourage everyone to **have your Bible out and ready!**
- Have students FIND and then READ ALOUD **1 Corinthians 13:1-7.**
 - Be sure to HIGHLIGHT IT! Also, try to **MEMORIZE IT!**

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- **In your own words, what does it mean to HONOR someone?**
 - **What are some ways a person could HONOR their parents?**
 - Why do you suppose this is something God wants us to do?
 - What is something you think PARENTS don't fully understand about what it's like to be a Junior High Student in the year 2025?
 - What is the most difficult thing to talk about with your family?
 - Is there any "topic" that comes up where it's challenging to navigate?
 - If you were the PARENT, how would you approach challenging topics with your STUDENT to make sure the conversation would go well?
 - What is ONE THING you can do this week to HONOR your parents?
 - Share IDEAS, commit to one, and then report back next time we meet!

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Big Questions: Which description of LOVE (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) do you MOST wish your mom or dad would use when PARENTING you? **(pick one from the list below and discuss!)**

- My Mom/Dad is PATIENT with me.
- My Mom/Dad is KIND to me.
- My Mom/Dad is NOT RUDE to me.
- My Mom/Dad does NOT DEMAND THEIR OWN WAY.
- My Mom/Dad is NOT EASILY ANGERED with me.
- My Mom/Dad KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS when I mess up.
- My Mom/Dad NEVER GIVES UP on me.
- My Mom/Dad ALWAYS PROTECTS me.
- My Mom/Dad ALWAYS TRUSTS me.

ASH WEDNESDAY!

- **Next Wednesday, March 5** is ASH WEDNESDAY!
 - Teach students:
 - Ash Wednesday is the official start to the season of LENT!
 - Lent is the 40-day season leading up to **EASTER!** (April 20th)
 - During this time, we ask God to prepare our hearts for the coming celebration of Jesus victory over death, and resurrection to new life!
 - During Ash Wednesday services – everyone receives a mark of ASHES in the shape of a CROSS on their forehead. With a reminder to...
 - “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return...”
 - It’s a powerful reminder that life on Earth is temporary, but with the FAITH in JESUS (and HOPE for eternal life) we will live forever by God’s GRACE!

IMPORTANT: We have services at NOON and 6PM next Wednesday, March 5.

PLEASE make a plan as a group about which service you plan to attend (skipping school is an option!) then figure out where to meet, and how many seats you need to save for each other!

Q & A NIGHT!

- **Wednesday, March 12** will be our PowerLife Pastor Q & A Night!
 - That means, your group can submit any question you’d like to have answered!
- **IMPORTANT:** Take time to review the Most Frequently Asked Questions sheet and rank your top questions! Also, please ADD ONE WRITE-IN question.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** please add the name of the student who would be willing to come up to the microphone and ask the question on behalf of your group if your question is selected!

WEEKEND WORSHIP NOTES

- **Once a student has COMPLETED their booklet** – have them stop by the Leader Table to get their booklet stamped (and receive a prize!) ALSO, we provided everyone with a NEW booklet for this semester last week! If anyone missed it, or was absent, please help!

8th GRADE RETREAT!

- The retreat is NEXT WEEKEND! (Saturday/Sunday March 8/9)
 - PLEASE take time to get a FINAL HEADCOUNT tonight!

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!!**