

# Small Group Homework (LEADERS GUIDE) – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Directions

- A. Pray for your group members and your time together before the meeting.
- B. Set up chairs and snacks for your group before they arrive. Greet each person as they come into your group.
- C. Take attendance. If you have any issues getting this done send Andrea Saffle and email at [asaffle@riverlawn.org](mailto:asaffle@riverlawn.org).

## Main Point

We honor God by loving Him and people – all people.

**Follow Up** – *Send an email to your group with the following questions a few days after your meeting.*

1. Have you made time in your schedule for some alone time with God this week?
2. Are you honoring God? Your wife? Kids? Parents? Teachers? Boss? Etc.

## Getting Started...

1. If a friend were to ask you what the sermon was about this week, what would you tell them?
  
2. How have you honored your parents?

## Into the Bible

3. Ask someone to read 2 Timothy 2:14-26. If we look closely at Paul's analogy, he relates us to vessels in God's home. The honorable vessels are the useful ones. What kinds of things does Paul list as characteristics of an honorable, useful vessel? **\*Pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace and a pure heart. Don't get caught up in youthful passion or small arguments, they'll only cause you strife. Be kind, endure evil (that's an interesting concept to discuss when someone says "this world's going to hell in a handbasket"). Be gentle.**

Have you ever gone through a season of "cleansing" in your life? What was that like? **\*This is a good question for you to answer first if you feel comfortable. Cleansing of your heart could be a conviction about shows/movies you watch, the way you talk to your kids, or seeking forgiveness for a wrong. These are just some examples of what "cleansing" could mean.**

4. Ask someone to read Deuteronomy 6. It's pretty difficult to honor God if we refuse to listen to His instruction. This chapter may be the clearest instruction about honoring God and His Word. What were God's people instructed to do with God's Word? **\*They weren't only instructed to read the Bible, but to interact with it. We read things here about talking about the Word when you lie down and get up, walk along the road and when your at home, and talk about it with your kids. God's best design for understanding His Word is to be a creature of it!**

How might some of those instructions help move God's Word from head knowledge only to being "on your heart"?

5. Ask someone to read Genesis 14:17-24. In thinking about Abram's story, he could have taken anything he wanted but refused so he could honor God. Describe a time in your life when honoring God wasn't the easiest path to take? What did you learn? **\*You could also ask this question after reading the verses like this: Have you ever been in a similar situation to Abram in verses 21-23? What did you learn from it?**

### Sermon Application

6. During some quiet time, pray and think about these two questions: Is God being honored by the way I live my life? Where's the proof? **\*I didn't write this question to necessarily be read in your small group. My advice is to encourage them to take some time this week to get alone with God and think about these questions. Follow up with your group in an email a few days after this study (see "follow up" section at top of this page).**
7. Memorize Deuteronomy 6:5 – "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

### Prayer Requests

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### Upcoming Event

Men's Encounter

*Sign up at [wichitamensencounter.com](http://wichitamensencounter.com)*

Make plans now to attend the upcoming Wichita Men's Encounter, February 26-28! It's more than a group of men talking about God, it's about establishing a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Children's Ministry NEED

*Contact Renee Schneider at [rschneider@riverlawn.org](mailto:rschneider@riverlawn.org)*

We are currently looking for a few people to help us with infants on Wednesday nights from 6:15-8:15pm. You would be helping our children's ministries and our small groups!

\*Background check is required.