

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

Facilitator: Encourage your members to **BRING THEIR BIBLES** and use them during Connect Group.

CONNECT Group study questions for May 13, 2018

Title: Honor Your Parents—Exodus 20:12

Read: Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Review: Read the notes from Pastor Peppy's lesson, *Honor Your Parents* what God revealed to you from his message.

Facilitator: Group members may have their own questions or have difficulty understanding the Scripture passages we are studying. Encourage them to jot down their queries and submit them to you. If you send them to me by return email, I'll see they receive a response from Pastor Peppy or an elder.

Question: Pastor Peppy noted that the command to honor your father and mother is in force regardless of how your parents perform.

Why doesn't God allow for parental failure?

If parental performance is not the issue here, what is?

Question: There seems to be a connection in the Fifth Commandment between honoring father and mother and living a long life.

What is it? (**Hint:** It's not to threaten the kids with a shorter life when they disobey.)

Who is the source of the promise for a long life, and who will make good on the promise if the command is obeyed? **Read:** Ephesians 6:1-3 and Deuteronomy 5:16.

Question: Proverbs 20:20 tells us: “He who curses his father or his mother, His lamp will go out in time of darkness.” This does not mean his flashlight battery will give out on a dark night in the woods.

What does it mean? What is “his lamp,” and what is “time of darkness?”

Question: We are admonished to obey our parents in our youth and provide for them in our adult years. **Read:** Ephesians 6:1 and Matthew 15:3-6.

Share with the group from your experience examples of giving honor to parents or honor given to you from your children.

What difficulties and obstacles are involved in honoring parents or receiving honor from adult children?

What do you do when God gives you a command you cannot keep?