**Teaching Series: Home Improvement
Message: 360 Degree Honor**

**Text:** Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 5:1-2,21-6:3, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**Memorize:** Ephesians 5:21

When you review the Bible for a family that demonstrated perfect honor, you only find one – the Holy Trinity. God the Father honored Jesus when he called him his beloved son. (2 Peter 1:17) Jesus sought to honor his Father above all else. (John 8:49-50) The Holy Spirit was sent to bring glory and honor to Jesus. (John 16:13-14)

Following the pattern we find in the Trinity, each of us can make the decision to honor everyone else in our own household. God the Father calls us to honor each other because we are all created in his image. (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-16, James 3:8-9) All human life has dignity because God has created us in his image. Jesus calls us to honor because he gave his life for us. (Ephesians 5:1-2) By submitting ourselves to one another in our home life, we will establish a culture of honor. (Ephesians 5:21-6:3) The Holy Spirit who lives within us, desires for our lives to be honoring to God. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:29-32)

**Questions to consider:**

* Who has demonstrated and modeled honor best to you?
* What would it look like to “honor all people”? (1 Peter 2:17)
* What would you need to eliminate in your attitude, words or behavior to develop a culture of honor in your home?
* How could honor positively change the atmosphere of your household and extended family?

**Suggestions:**

Consider how you could express honor to someone in your family this week. You may want to write a letter expressing your gratitude and honor for who they are in your life. You may want to tell them, “I honor you because….” Spend some time before the Lord and ask him to examine your own heart to reveal any changes that need to take place in order for you to become a person who gives honor.