

# LG | Leader

[Ephesians 5:31-6:4]

## WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what did you learn?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. In the opening verse in chapter 6, Paul reminds children of one of the Ten Commandments. Which commandment is it? When was this commandment given in the Bible? What was the context?

5<sup>th</sup> Commandment – Honor you father and mother. Given in Exodus 20, God gave Moses the 10 Commandments (the Law) to Israel at Mt. Sinai, establishing God's rule and thus enabling God's life and blessing upon this chosen people.

2. When Paul says that this is the first commandment with a promise, what did he mean by that?

God was making a promise to Israel that if they were obedient in keeping this commandment that God would bless them as they progressed toward the promised land.

3. Who was the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment intended for when it was delivered by Moses in Exodus? Adults...children that were grown. God commanded that they were not to neglect their parents as they age. This commandment still stands for all today who have parent in the latter stages of life.

4. Given that Paul is now speaking in a New Testament context, how does this commandment look different when looking through the lens of the new covenant?

In the new covenant (post Jesus), the promise of the land is not physical land but eternal life, which begins upon faith and finished when Jesus returns to make all things new.

5. Paul said in verse 1 that "this is right." Why is that statement so important for us? What does this statement imply?

It implies there is wrong. The Bible makes clear there is right/wrong and truth/lies. Truth is not relative, it is objective and absolute.

6. Does the Bible consistently recognize truth? What evidence can you provide for this?

EXAMPLES:

Pentateuch: Nu 11:23; Dt 13:14; 17:4; 18:22

Prophets: Jer 28:6; Dan 3:14

New Testament: Jn 4:16-18; 10:41; 1Co 15:15

7. Why is recognizing truth important in the Bible?

- Central to the identity of Jesus
- Central to the worship of our God
- Central to the word of God
- Central to the Christian Life
- Central to why unbelievers are condemned
- Central to logic and rationality

## **PRAY (10 mins)**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**

Commentary Reference:  
- ESV Study Bible Commentary

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