



Leader

5/14 - Ephesians 6:1-3

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How is your walk with the Lord? Did you have any opportunities to share the Lord with anyone?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement? How can we pray, encourage, and show love to them?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. 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?
5th 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.
3. 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 the commandment, God would bless them as they progressed toward the promised land.
4. Who was the 5th commandment intended for when it was delivered by Moses in Exodus?
Adults...the 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 parents in the latter stages of life.
5. 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 culminates when Jesus returns to make all things new.
6. 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. It conforms to God's holy commandments. [Other biblical truth statements: **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. What does verse 3 imply?

God desires for things to go well with us and that He desires for us to thrive where he had placed us. This phraseology is consistent in the Old and New Testament. Following God's law and His righteous order is to be under God's rule and blessing.

8. Paul addresses the Fathers specifically in verse 4. What does he address? Why is this important for Fathers?

Fathers have been given headship of the family by God, and with that headship comes tremendous responsibility. The way in which a Father leads his family has tremendous implications. Paul admonishes Fathers in this half of the verse, but then follows with a positive course of action, "bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Anger is not consistent with what the Lord prescribes for us, rather it is grace-fueled discipline and instruction.

9. How does this text cause us to change? What does it make you consider in your own life?

[Dialogue]

10. How might you share this passage/truth with someone else? A child? A family member?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Is there anyone that needs an invite to our church or this group?
- Is there anyone you know who needs to hear what we learned today in God's word?
- Does anyone here need a "refresher" on how to share the gospel?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Without getting too specific, is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply his word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

HOMEWORK:

- Memorize our weekly "Fighter Verse" - Rom 12:17-19