



BREAKING THE ICE

What would you consider a lost art (something we don't do anymore)?

If you could bring a lost art back what would it be and why?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Drew started a new series about honor. Honor is a virtue that can be a lost art in our world today. We've moved from honoring one another and respecting one another's backgrounds and different viewpoints to vehemently disagreeing with each other and being bold about why and how we don't agree on things.

1. Where have you seen a lack of honor in our culture today?

Read Romans 12:10

Honor is the recognition of the value, contribution and importance of others. We can value one another and still disagree. It's as Pastor Drew said, "Unity doesn't necessarily mean we agree on everything. It's us honoring each other because you're a human and, more importantly, a child of God".

2. How do you respond to people you don't agree with? When is the last time you honored someone you didn't agree with?

God wants us to honor others. It is the currency of the kingdom of God. We honor God with our lives, we honor other's with our actions and how we treat one another. Instead of gossiping and talking about someone we need to honor them. Say good things about them (reverse gossip) instead of something that we don't agree with.

3. How is honor a representation of your life today?

When we choose to use honor as our currency we build equity with people. When we see people as Jesus sees them, their value skyrockets.

When God asks us to love our neighbors, it builds equity because we're showing them what love looks like from a Godly perspective.

4. How do you tend to build equity with people? How does honor play a role in you building equity with others?

When you use honor as currency, you have the ability to make deposits into people. The more equity we build with others, the more deposits we can make into their lives. Deposits can be words of encouragement and wisdom. Sometimes, it's constructive feedback or criticism. But, if you don't have established equity with someone by honoring and valuing them, your deposits can't go far. You have to honor and value them to have the equity before you can make the deposits.

5. Who is someone that has made some good deposits in your life? Explain how those deposits have positively affected you.

When you use honor as a currency you can make withdrawals from other people. Similar to deposits, once you mutually respect and honor others, you can receive wisdom or even correction from those that share mutual honor, value and respect for you.

When we can see the beautiful and unique ways God made us different, we can build equity, make deposits and withdrawals from one another without baggage or cynicism.

God sees us all the same. We all have the same equity in His kingdom—honoring each other starts with humbling ourselves. When we humble ourselves, we can honor the gifts of others and honor God in the process.

6. Where do you need to humble yourself in your life?

Read Romans 12:6-10

When we honor others' gifts, we receive from them and we are making deposits into them and honor them. Then we have equity which, in turns, allows honor to flow freely between each other. It's a beautiful circle of loving and honoring one another for the way God made us uniquely different.

7. Where do you need to honor the gifts of others in your life?

Honor should be given but never expected or demanded. Some people may have demanded honor from you or even used it inappropriately in your life—that should have never happened. God never intended for honor to be misused in that way. Honor should be something we give. When we start with honor and ask God to protect our hearts in the process, He can guide us through the misuse of it.

Honoring the the gifts in people whose personalities rub you the wrong way is difficult, but we have the

choice to see them as a child of God. The real work of honor is extending it to those who aren't easy to honor.

8. Who do you need to honor this week?

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank you God for how You honor and love us equally. You created each one of us uniquely and gifted us all differently. Will you help us see everyone like you see them. When we get frustrated or annoyed with people, will you help us reverse gossip and say nice things about them. Help us be humble as we continue to honor others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ACTION STEP

- + Practice reverse gossip this week. Send a note, text, email or call someone you need to honor and say kind things to them.
- + If someone starts to gossip with you, say encouraging nice things instead of being included in the gossip. Reverse Gossip!
- + Practice complimenting other's gifts when you see them. This shows honor and creates equity.