



BREAKING THE ICE

Was the Honor Society a thing when you were growing up in school? What were your feelings towards it?

Who holds the highest amount of honor in your life? Why?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin, continued our series on Honor. He started the message discussing a story from high school where he received an award for potential.

We honor others by what we do and say.

1. Where have you felt honored by what someone has said or how they have treated you?

There are two types of honor: achieved (achievement in life) and ascribed (intrinsic, how you were made).

As followers of Jesus we are all called to give intrinsic honor to others. In Genesis 1:26-27 we see that we are created in the image of God. Because we are all created in the likeness and image of God we should honor one another as God honors us.

God gives us a great example of how to honor others. He honors Jesus and the Holy Spirit and they in return honor God. Honor starts with our hearts and Jesus came to rescue our hearts.

Read Romans 12:10

2. How easy is it for you to honor others? What about others you don't agree with?

Jesus rolled out the red carpet for the people on the fringes of the society, He honored them just like He honored those who followed Him. He gave honor while we focus on getting honor. When He honored them and loved them, the good news of Jesus was spread across the nation.

Honor is the currency of the kingdom of God. Not everyone that follows Jesus looks like us. That's the

beauty of heaven. We may not look the same, we may not have the same likes but we will all be honoring Jesus together. And when we can honor one another and Jesus, we are exemplifying the grace and love for all mankind.

3. Where do you need to give more honor to a person or people in your life?

When we want to honor others we can do a few things. It starts with humbling ourselves.

Read Romans 12:3

We can feel so strongly about our own beliefs that we can be dismissive of others. Our pride wants to be “right”. So instead of getting to know someone and asking questions, we seek our own honor by being right instead of honoring others. Pride is all about us and not about anyone else.

4. Where in your life do you need to humble yourself and listen to someone who you may not agree with?

We honor others by seeing them. We see people every day but do you really see them? Do you know what is going on in their lives? Are you too consumed with your own life to pay attention to what is going on in someone else’s life?

5. How often do you go all day without really seeing people? What keeps you from seeing them?

We honor others by using our gifts. Romans 12:4-8 talks about the gifts of the Spirit. We all have a unique spiritual gifts set. When we use our gifts to serve others it honors them.

Some of us have fallen asleep on our gifts and they need to be re-engaged.

6. What gifts do you have to help serve and honor others?

When we honor others it enables us to receive. When we give honor, we can receive from other people. We are all a part of a larger family, God’s family. And when we honor one another it gives us opportunity to receive from those in God’s family, no matter the differences or opinions we may have.

7. Where have you felt honor from someone when you didn’t expect it?

CLOSING PRAYER

God thank-you for being the best example of honor for us. The way You honor every single person the same is an example we want to follow. Will you help us humble ourselves and show us where we need to

see past ourselves and see others. Will you help us engage in our spiritual gifts and use them to further share your love to others and will you help us humbly receive from others. In your name, Amen

ACTION STEP

+ This week pray for humility and how to honor others above ourselves.

+ If you haven't taken the spiritual gifts test go to giftstest.com. Pray about where God would have you use your gifts to help people. Sometimes the things we like to do are tied to your gifts. Keep that in mind when praying where God could use you.