



## BREAKING THE ICE

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Who inspires you the most? What qualities do they possess that inspires you?

What is the biggest takeaway you have had regarding the “Honor Society” series?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week Pastor Kevin wrapped up our Honor Society series with the most important type of honor - honoring God.

1. Who is the hardest person for you to honor? Why?

Our text started from the story of the coins in Mark 12:13-17. In this story the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus. But Jesus didn't play their game. They wanted to know if they should honor Cesar (the ruler).

The Pharisees were rule followers. They were not supposed to have any graven image. But when Jesus asked for a coin he borrowed one from the people who were trying to trap him. Jesus asked, “Whose image is on this coin”? They replied, “Cesar's”. So Jesus told them they owed the coin to Cesar.

The Pharisees weren't supposed to have a graven image, but they did. Cesar's image was on the coin.

The point Jesus was trying to make is; the image on the coin is not the image we bear. We bear the image of God.

2. Who's image do you bear? (this could be someone who influences you or what you are influenced by)

Our image is not about politics. Our image is about honor and what's on our heart.

To honor God means to give God what is His. Everything and Everyone belongs to God. Our whole life belongs to Him.

When we choose to follow Jesus we surrender our lives to God. When our lives belong to God, we don't have to worry about what will happen to our lives. People may cause us pain but they can't control our lives, only God can.

When we truly surrender our lives to God, we surrender our hopes, dreams, future, plans, agenda, reputation, identity, family, perspective, possessions, obedience and our body.

3. Which one of these is the hardest to surrender to God and why?

Pastor Kevin told us a story about how he took golf lessons and the coach told him to "loosen his grip, don't hold the club too tightly". That is an illustration for our lives. To give God our life means to live our lives open handed to Him. Don't hold everything too tightly. It all belongs to Him.

4. What are you holding on to too tightly?

When we loosen our grip and open our hands we can receive. And the good thing is, we don't have to have our lives all together to receive. We can come to God with all of our mess because we will never be good enough.

5. Describe a time where you gave something to God and saw Him do something beyond what you could do with it.

Another way we honor God is through getting baptized. The act of baptism is a symbol of giving our lives to Jesus. That we are trusting Him with everything. Baptism is the covenant symbol of honoring God and saying, I belong to you.

6. What's your baptism story?

Pastor Kevin finished up the message this week with a story about an Ethiopian eunuch. Before Jesus died, he told the disciples to go out in to the world and tell them about Jesus's love for every person. One of the disciples, Phillip, was doing just that.

### **Read Acts 8:26-35**

In this passage, the eunuch was desperate to hear about this savior. And then he continued to read about how eunuch's will have a blessed life (Isaiah 56:3-5).

God wanted the eunuch to hear about His love and Jesus. Phillip held his life and time loosely so He could obey God and make a lasting impact on the eunuch's life.

7. Describe a time where you clearly heard God talk to you about doing something specific (like Phillip in the Acts passage). Did you obey what He asked? What happened?

When we hold everything in our life loosely, God can interrupt our plans with His. We never know what will happen with those interruptions. When Phillip let God interrupt his plans, the eunuch heard the good news of Jesus. Because of that interruption, many lives came to know Jesus through the eunuchs story of how he learned about Jesus and was baptized that day with Phillip.

## CLOSING PRAYER

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God thank you for everything you have given us. It is all yours. Everything and everyone belong to you. Show me the things in my life that I have not surrendered to you. Show me where I need to pause and listen to your voice so I can honor you and help others come to know you. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

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- + Take some time to pray and journal about the things you need to surrender to God in your life. Talk with someone you trust about that. Ask them to help keep you accountable.
- + Ask God to show you where you need to listen to His voice in your life. Surrender that to Him and ask Him to use you for his glory and honor.
- + If you haven't been baptized take some time to pray about that. You can ask your group leader about it or someone from your campus.