

5 Deuteronomy 5:16; Psalm 139:7-18

EXPLORING MOTHER'S DAY

1. Pray.
2. People have different traditions around Mother's Day, anywhere from making it a big deal to not doing anything at all on the day. Share about what you normally do or don't do in your household.
3. Discuss what you find helpful or not helpful about how our society practices Mother's and Father's Day.
4. Read Deuteronomy 5:16.

Is this command to 'honor your Father and Mother' an attitude or involve more than this? What do you think the command might have looked like in practice in Moses' day?

5. Why do you think God is concerned for children to honor their parents?

6. Read Ephesians 6:1-3.

Paul comments on the fifth commandment and says it is the 'first commandment with a promise'. Does this promise also apply to us today? If so, how might this promise relate or flow out of obedience to God's command?

7. Over the course of our lives, in what ways does honoring our parents change or remain the same?

8. Read Proverbs 1:7-9.

What critical role does a parent play in a child's life? What things does the writer of Proverbs want the reader to avoid in their life?

9. Read Psalm 139:7-18.

This Psalm beautifully captures God's involvement in our beginnings. What do we learn about God in these verses?

10. What are some ways that we as a society can place unrealistic expectations on our Mothers?

11. Not everyone finds Mother's Day easy. Relationships can be complicated, and our experience may not line up with our expectations as a child or as a Mother. Is it possible to celebrate and give thanks for our Mother's if we or others we know have a difficult relationship? Discuss.

12. What is one thing about your Mum that you can thank God for?

13. Give thanks to God for these things and pray for each other.

14. Pray for each other.