

▶ GLENSTONE CHAPEL ◀  
**Community Group Bible Study Guide**

**Passage: Exodus 20:12**

**For use July 13 – 19, 2008**

**QUESTIONS TO USE IN GROUP  
OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY**

**LAUNCHING** <sup>1</sup> [5-10 minutes]

1. Think of a TV comedy show you have seen lately. How are parents usually portrayed? What are some adjectives you would use to describe your typical TV mom and dad?

OR

2. What are the qualities you believe the ideal father should have? What about the ideal mother?

**OBSERVATION** [10 minutes]

1. Read the passage aloud. Ask someone who is often reticent to volunteer comments in group discussion to read.
2. What “jumps out” at you in these verses?
3. What are the Israelites called to do? What are the rewards for obeying this Commandment? What punishment is expected if this Commandment is not obeyed?
4. Who is the “owner” of the land?
5. What is revealed about the nature of God in this verse?

**INTERPRETATION** [10-15 minutes]

1. How does the history of the Israelites matter to this passage? What kind of culture did the listeners’ come out of?
2. What does the word “honor” mean to you? How do you honor someone or something?
3. What can you infer about the importance of family from this verse?
4. Read Ephesians 6:1-4. What is the responsibility of the child? What about the parent (father)? How are they interrelated?

**APPLICATION** [10 minutes]

1. Do you honor your mother and father? What about your in-laws? Why or why not?
2. Parents – how do you treat your children, those that are grown or those who are still at home? Do you tend to “exasperate” them? If so, what changes can you make?
3. How can you help create a culture that teaches children to “honor your mother and father”?
4. Do you find yourself convicted of anything after thinking through this passage together?

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<sup>1</sup>Choose a question to move thinking into the theme of the passage; **note**, this is not an *ice-breaker*.

