



# DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 20v12 – Honour your father and mother

**PLEASE READ** – Exodus 20v1-21

## GETTING STARTED

Remind yourself of the importance of v1-2 – which lay the foundation for the 10 commandments...

Talk about recent changes in our society in relation to the traditional family...

### 1) RESPECT THEIR POSITION

Why should children honour their parents? Does that change if the parents are 'dishonourable?' If so, why? If not, why not?

How does the promise which is attached to the command apply to NT Christians?

What happens therefore if we ignore God's command? How is that evident today?

## **2) OBEY THEIR INSTRUCTIONS**

Read Ephesians 6v1-4 and chat about the relationship between children and their parents...

Are there occasions when children shouldn't obey their parents? If so, name a few...

Chat about how parental authority changes as the children get older...

## **3) MEET THEIR NEEDS**

Read 1 Timothy 5v3-4 and discuss how the needs and responsibilities change in family life...

Read Mark 7v9-13 to clarify what the Pharisees were doing wrong...

Do you think that Christians today are sometimes guilty of delegating their God given responsibility to the state?

**Meditate on the words of God below...**

**Ex 20v12:** "Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.