

## **THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT**

*Proverbs 23:12-16, 22-25*

### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. WHAT IS A FAMILY?
2. HOW IS A FAMILY SUPPOSED TO WORK?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group**

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Whether we like it or not, our families have the greatest impact on who we are as people. How would you describe your family of origin? What are some ways, good or bad, that you've been shaped by your family of origin?
3. As you look through the ten commandments, the first one that is related to our relationships with other people is about family. Why do you think that is? What impact do families have on society as a whole?
4. A family is not simply people that we are related to by blood. A family is also not simply anyone that we have something in common with for any period of time. A family is a community of people held together by a lifelong covenant. Using this definition, who is your family?
5. The purpose of parenting according to the Bible is to instill wisdom in your child. What are some things you would need to be able to instill wisdom in another person? What do you feel you are lacking when it comes to instilling wisdom in another person?
6. Discipline, as defined in the book of Proverbs, is very similar to coaching and should be marked by two things: **1**) It must be tailor-made to each child (Prov. 22:6) and **2**) It must be done in love (Prov. 3:11-12). What has been your experience with discipline? What is one way you can change your approach to discipline to bring it more in-line with the way Proverbs would say it should be done? (**Note:** If you don't have biological children you could answer this question in the context of discipleship of a younger believer)
7. Honoring your parents does not mean you admire, trust, or even obey them. It means you do not take them lightly. And one universal way that we can all honor our parents is to forgive them. What do you need to forgive your parents for? What barriers are keeping you from forgiving your parents? How does Jesus make it possible for us to forgive even when it seems impossible?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Jesus did not come just to give you an individualistic salvation. He came here to bring you into the family you were made for.