

Looking ahead...

Next week, we will be thinking about the theme of ***Hospitality***. What does it mean to be hospitable to all our circles? Hospitality is defined as: the friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors, or strangers. Are we committed as followers of Jesus to hospitality? How do we bring all the themes of the Circles series into hospitality towards others? We will be looking at 1 Peter 4:7-11. How can we show hospitality without grumbling? Come to this last week to hear how all your circles can be ones of hospitality.

Readings to prepare for next week:

___DAY 1 (November 4): *Hebrews 13:1-8*

___DAY 2 (November 5): *Genesis 19:1-22*

___DAY 3 (November 6): *I Corinthians 10:23-33*

___DAY 4 (November 7): *Luke 15:11-32*

___DAY 5 (November 8): *Romans 12:9-21*

___DAY 6 (November 9): *1 Peter 4:7-11*



Honor

Week Nine

During the week beginning with Sunday, November 3rd, we will be thinking about the theme of ***Honor***. We live in a world that people don't show *honor* to others often. We don't show others dignity. From how we address other people on the internet, to how people talk to each other on TV, to the language we use to describe our family or friends. As followers of Jesus we need to show that others have dignity and value and *honor* them as children of God. To show honor and give it is a sign of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. It shows others how God has changed us.

Making it personal...

Which observation(s) from Sunday's sermon impacted you personally?

How can you personally 'apply' those in your coming week?

What gets in the way of you honoring others around you? Why does it get in the way?

Which do you have a harder time doing, considering or contributing to others' needs? Why? What steps can you take to have those become more in balance?

How can you bless the people in your family? Your job or school? Or how can you bless the community? When have you faced persecution in your circles? How did you respond? Applying Romans 12:9-21 how can you respond with the Holy Spirit's power?

When have you thought you were wise? How did that work out? In what way can you be more humble? In how you talk about others? In how you think about others? In how you act towards others?

In which circle do you struggle **most** with outdoing everyone in showing honor? (In your family, school/work, or community?) Why do you think that is? What steps can you take to reach those that are hard to honor in your circles?

What area of your life do you need to have good overcome evil? In what ways has your personal struggle with overcoming evil affected how you trust God?

Think about at least one person in each of your 3 life circles who needs you to honor them, giving them value that others don't show them. Write his/her initials and jot down one step you can take this coming week. (You can also use the space below to write some specific ways you can pray for the others in your "SonLight Circle" to grow their ability to be around people not like them).

*In your '*family circle*':

*In your '*school/work circle*':

*In your '*community circle*':