Exodus 20:12

**Family Ties**

1. What is one of your earliest memories of your parents? Your family?
2. How did your parents establish roles and responsibilities in your early growing up years? Did they adjust or make any changes as you grew older? What were those changes and how did they impact your family life?
3. Did you have grandparents in your life growing up? How did the presence of grandparents impact your family and your life personally?
4. Read Ephesians 5:21. How can family members “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ?” How does this reverence work with the leadership and nurturing roles parents are called to play? What was your experience as a child? As a parent?
5. Read Ephesians 5:22, 25 and 6:1-4. How are we to balance love and submission in the family? Love and obedience?
6. What are some ways we can honor our father and mother when we are young? When we are older? When our parents are older?
7. Can you give any examples of how parents can exasperate their children? How do we navigate a balance between discipline and exasperation? How important is communication?
8. Why is the biblical perspective on the value of life at all stages so important? How does it affect our actions?
9. How do you explain the results of the promise given to us in this commandment and in Ephesians 6:3?