

Focus: During January and February, we are looking at the church and how they valued the art of one another. Did you know the words “one another” are used 59 times in the New Testament? “Love one another.” “Forgive one another.” “Regard one another as more important than yourselves.” And the list goes on. **This week we** we want to reflect on what Paul meant in Romans 12:10 to “*outdo one another in showing honor.*”

1. Discuss as a group the relevance of “honor” in our culture. Describe a time when you were given honor or where you gave honor to someone or something.
2. How would you define honor? Interact with the biblical meaning from Sunday: **to value, to treat as precious, to ascribe worth, to esteem.**
3. Read Romans 12:9-12, especially pondering verse 10: *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.* What would a relationship look like where each person strives to **outdo** one another in showing honor? Why is honoring one another (whoever our one another is) so challenging at times?
4. On Sunday, Gary and Danny mentioned that, “*Honoring esteems and lifts up. Dishonoring devalues, treats lightly, and tears down. To honor someone is to believe the best about them. To dishonor is to believe the worst. Honor empowers, dishonor diminishes. I honor others when I humble myself.*” Where have you seen this play out both positively and negatively?
5. Ponder Revelation 4:10: “*You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.*” How do you see the worship and honoring of Jesus informing and empowering our honoring towards one another?
6. Danny addressed specific areas where we can show honor: friends, roommates, neighbors, spouses, church. **Which area convicted you?** Where do you sense an honor deficiency? Where do you need God’s grace to enable you to live into a more honoring engagement?

Call to Action:

- a. Take some time and confess areas and relationships where you have withheld honor.
- b. What would it look like to, in the power of the Holy Spirit, exhibit honor? Specifically, where do you sense God convicting you towards honor?
- c. Heavenly Father, you would never require anything of me where you don’t provide me with the strength to obey you. Give me the strength to honor you and live in such a way that gives you priority honor in every area of my life. Lord, give me the strength to tangibly honor _____ (name the relationship where you sense honor being needed and spend time engaging Jesus about it / them).