



Sermon Outline

Key verse

Honor her for all she has done.
Proverbs 31:31

4 Ways to honor mom

1. Honor Mom with Respect

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

2. Honor Mom with Time

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

Ephesians 5:15-17

3. Honor Mom with Love

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

4. Honor Mom for her Sacrifice

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:16

MOTHER’S DAY 2024

MAY 12
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

Today we celebrate moms and thank God for mothers! Moms thanklessly serve and model the love of Jesus for others. But being a mom is hard. Life can get crazy and overwhelming. Today we honor the women who God has placed in our lives.

Ice breaker

- What woman has had the biggest impact in your life?
- Which would be more difficult to go a week without: Car or phone?

Encouragement to Mothers

Mothers—you are making a difference for eternity. Being a mother is a hard job, but don’t give up. Be encouraged! Your faithfulness to the Lord and his word is having an eternal impact.

Dig Deeper

- There are several places in the Bible where God’s love is compared to a mother’s love. See Isaiah 49:15, Isaiah 66:13, Matthew 23:37, Psalm 131:1-3. How is this a helpful comparison to you?
- What makes you feel honored?
- John shared four ways to honor moms. Which one challenges you the most?

Closing

Pray over mothers. That they would press on and share the life-giving power of Jesus with their children. Just as God demonstrates motherly love to his children, we as the church should demonstrate love to those around us. What are some tangible ways that our core group can express love to others in our body? In our larger community? Who is someone you can show Christ’s love to this week?

A Special Note

Mother’s Day holds both joy and sorrow. If Mother’s Day is about love, it’s also about loss and longing. We all know women who are hurting today. Some have lost children. Some grieve for the babies they could never bear. Some weep for children gone astray, or for children who face challenges. There are women who have suffered miscarriages. There are women walking through the pain of infertility. Somewhere a young woman waits patiently, wondering if her turn for marriage and motherhood will ever come. Yes, today holds both joy and sorrow.