**“God’s Grace in Our Relationships”**

Going deeper in Exodus 20:12-14

**INTRODUCTION** The first section of the ten commandments has to do with our life with God. That section ended with the gift of the Sabbath. The following verses begin the second section which has to do with God’s design for our life with others.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 12 Show honor and dignity with your father and mother so you might live a long time in the land that the LORD, your God, is giving you. 13 No murder. 14 No adultery.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why do you think the commandments about our relationships with others start with a commandment about our relationship with our mother and father?

2. What do you think it means to demonstrate dignity or honor with your father and mother?

3. Look up Matthew 5:21-26. How does Jesus add more meaning to the commandment “No murder?” What does it say about reconciliation? Do you need to seek reconciliation with anyone? Will you rely on the Holy Spirit to do this?

4. Look up Matthew 5:27-28. How does Jesus add more meaning to the commandment “No adultery?” How should respect, honor, and integrity inform our relationships with members of the opposite sex?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Give thanks for the relationships that the LORD has given you.

\*Name each person and ask the LORD to bless each of them.

\*Ask the Spirit of God to give you the strength and the desire to show honor in each of those relationships.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Your relationships are a gift from God. Will you rely on the Holy Spirit to show honor, respect, and the LORD’s love in those relationships this week? What specifically will you do to show this?