

# MOTHER'S DAY

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

AT CROSSWINDS CHURCH



1. The sermon argues that honor means “giving weight” rather than pretending everything was perfect. How does that definition challenge the way you normally think about honoring parents or authority figures?
2. Josh talks about how we move from isolated disappointments into building a fixed “lens” about a person (“they always...” / “they never...”). Where have you seen yourself do that in relationships?
3. “You get from me what you earn from me.” Do you think that is how most people naturally approach relationships? What are the strengths and weaknesses of that posture?
4. The message says honoring someone does not require denying what was hard, but it does require “telling the whole story.” What does that practically look like in real life?
5. Josh shares about realizing there were sacrifices and pain in his mother’s story that he had never fully considered. Has learning more context about someone ever changed the way you viewed them?
6. “Limit access. Don’t lower value.” Why do people tend to collapse those categories together? Why is it difficult to maintain boundaries without turning someone into a villain?
7. Romans 12:18 says, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” What do you think healthy responsibility looks like in a difficult relationship—and what goes beyond your responsibility?
8. The sermon claims that reaction is not the same thing as freedom. Where do you see yourself reacting out of inherited patterns instead of intentionally choosing your posture?
9. “You’re not letting them off the hook. You’re taking yourself off of it.” What do you think that means? Do you agree with it? Why or why not?
10. At the end, the sermon reframes honor as something that ultimately shapes “the kind of person you become.” How have difficult relationships shaped you—for better or worse?