
TABLE TALK

Honoring Jesus

Prepare:

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As one person lights a candle, the family reads together (adapted from Philippians 2:9-11):

- C: At the name of Jesus,
R: Every knee will bow
C: And every tongue confess
R: That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Read: John 8:48-59 (ESV)

48 The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50 Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." 52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' 53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" 54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' 55 But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Reflect:

Those who honor Jesus by acknowledging him as God's glorified son and obeying his commands will receive eternal life. Those who dishonor him, will not.

Take a moment to talk about what this passage (John 8:48-59) means for you as a family.

Now share with one another one thing you can do differently as a member of your family.

Praying:

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The head of the household prays:

Dear God Heavenly Father, we acknowledge Jesus as your son and our savior. Help us to obey him always in the new life we have received. In Jesus's name, amen.