



Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

October 13, 2010

Please turn off cell phones as a courtesy to our speakers. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS:** Next week small groups will be meeting for brunch or dessert at a group designated site. Please contact your group leader if you need directions or information for your group's meeting place. Morning moms, please return and pick up your children by 11AM. NO PM CHILDCARE is available next week. WBS will resume its usual lecture/small group format on Wednesday, October 27.
- **PRAYER REQUESTED:** Please uphold the *Solomonson* family on the death of Harold this past week. Harold and Katherine have been long standing members of ARC and served the body of Christ faithfully over the years. Also please remember Michelle Harris and her family on the death of her grandfather and pray for strength and wisdom as Doris Brandt and her family make care decisions for her mother after a stroke this past week.
- **ALL WBS WEEKLY MATERIALS:** Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available within 24 hours of the date of the lecture on our website.
- **QUESTIONS DURING THE WEEK:** Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or michellej@aridge.org or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org
- **IF YOU ARE NEW TO WBS TODAY OR HAVE NOT REGISTERED:** Please visit us at the registration table so we can place you in a small group (AM) or at a table group (PM).

Dear Friends,

With last week's lecture by Lorie Dahlstrom, 'God's Rest', we came to the end of the first four commandments – the ones which cover our relationship with God. Commentator Kent Hughes says "But like a floral bouquet, their maximum effect comes when they are held together, for then comes the sweet power to love God." Think about what we've learned:

- *App #1: God First. Without this commandment in place the rest are meaningless.*
- *App #2: God's Image. The concept of God we have must be accurate to whom he really is, so that we can worship him in truth.*
- *App #3: God's Honor. This third word teaches us that God's name reflects his character, and that we as Christians are Christ bearers. Do we treat his name with the reverence it deserves?*
- *App #4: God's Rest. How can we enjoy God and know him without spending time with him? This fourth word commands us to make time for the most important relationship in our life.*

The commandments are often divided into two groups: our relationship with God, and our relationship with others. Yet App #5, Honor your father and your mother, serves as a bridge between the two groups because it identifies our parents, and their parenting, as a model of God's love for us. Personally, as a parent I find this terrifying! I can think of plenty of times when my parenting wasn't God-like...it wasn't even close to godly. That is why I am so thankful that we can rely on God to give us wisdom (James 1:5) and to know that, while my faulty human love can have plenty of shortcomings, God's love never fails. (1 Cor. 13:8).

But as a child with only one living parent, studying this fifth commandment has really made me think about how to best honor my mother. Her parenting set a tremendous example for her five children. I understand now that my mother set aside a lot of her own desires to raise us in a way that surrounded us with love and gave us firm boundaries as well. And if parents are the first example to a child of the selfless love of our Heavenly Father, then my parents predisposed me to trust God by the way they loved me.

I'll be visiting my mom in California next month. I want to thank her in person, again, for giving me a love for words and for reading, for music, for creation, and for my siblings. And most of all I want to thank her for bringing me to church every Sunday – a place where God made himself known to me at a young age.

"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)

Your friend,
Gretchen Steer



Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

Today's Lecture from Exodus 20:12 is by *Gretchen Steer*
App #5: *GOD'S FAMILY PLAN*

I. The Meaning of the Commandment

II. The Job of Children

A. Honoring God

B. Honoring our parents

- Obedience
- Respect
- Care

III. The Job of Parents

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IV. A Parent's Life When the Children Are Gone

CHURCH EVENTS:

- **Job Transition S.O.S Workshop** – ARC is teaming up with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to assist you with strategies, opportunities, and support for finding your next job. If your career is in transition, this 3- hour workshop from 9:00-12:00 AM on October 30th can offer much-needed encouragement. Cost is \$10 (Scholarships Available). Register online at www.AutumnRidgeChurch.org or contact Michelle Johnson at michellej@aridge.org or call 288-8880.
- **H.O.P.E.** If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a child, please visit the ministry center this weekend to receive information regarding support and encouragement. For more information go to www.hope-arc.org or visit our blog at www.seekinghislove.blogspot.com.
- **Improving Your Serve** – Paul reminds us to, "...serve one another in love." (Gal. 5:13) Information concerning service opportunities available at ARC is available in the Ministry Center before, during, and after weekend worship services. This week's focus for service opportunities is Student Ministry. Please consider how you might enrich a young person's life through prayer, mentoring, and study of God's Word.
- **Food 4 Friends** – October's food of the month is spaghetti and a can of spaghetti sauce. Sorry, we cannot accept glass jars due to the possibility of breakage. Please drop off donated items in the Ministry Center between weekend services or at the ARC reception desk during the week.

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