

Summary

In this sermon, Pastor Mike explores the concept of legacy, focusing on Romans 12:10 which commands Christians to "honor one another above yourselves." He explains that true legacy isn't about achievements or wealth, but about the character we cultivate and how we treat others. The pastor emphasizes that honoring others requires an attitude of humility, which goes against our natural tendencies toward pride and self-interest. He points to Jesus as the ultimate example of humility, who put others' interests above His own even to the point of death on the cross.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss what it means to honor one another above ourselves, we ask that You would open our hearts to Your truth. Help us to set aside our pride and embrace the humility that Jesus modeled for us. May this discussion not just be about gaining knowledge, but about transforming how we live and interact with others. Guide our conversation and show each of us specifically how we can better honor those around us this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ice Breaker

Think about someone who made you feel truly valued recently. What did they do or say that made you feel honored?

Key Verses

1. Romans 12:10
2. Philippians 2:3-11
3. Proverbs 16:18
4. James 4:10
5. 1 Peter 5:5-6

Questions

1. How would you define 'legacy' in your own words, and what kind of legacy do you hope to leave?
2. The pastor defined honoring others as 'treating that person as valuable and precious.' What are some practical ways we can show honor to people in our daily interactions?
3. Why is humility so difficult for us to practice naturally? How does our culture work against the biblical value of humility?
4. The sermon mentioned that 'pride leads to pain.' Have you ever experienced the painful consequences of pride in your own life?
5. How does Jesus model perfect humility for us? What aspects of His example are most challenging for you to follow?

6. The pastor suggested several ways to honor others: sharing with those in need, rejoicing/mourning with others, treating everyone equally, and being kind and compassionate. Which of these do you find most challenging to practice consistently?
7. What's the difference between 'thinking less of yourself' and 'thinking of yourself less'? How might this distinction change how we approach humility?
8. The pastor challenged everyone to intentionally honor at least one person each day. What specific actions could you take this week to honor someone above yourself?

Life Application

This week, commit to the pastor's challenge of intentionally honoring at least one person each day. Be specific and thoughtful about how you can make others feel valued and seen. This might mean learning someone's name who serves you regularly, writing an encouraging note, celebrating someone's success without bringing attention to yourself, or sitting with someone in their grief. Keep a simple journal of who you honored each day and how it affected both them and you. Notice how this practice begins to reshape your perspective and priorities.

Key Takeaways

1. Legacy is not about achievements or possessions, but about the character we cultivate and how we treat others.
2. Honoring others above ourselves requires an attitude of humility, which goes against our natural tendencies toward pride.
3. Jesus is our ultimate model of humility, putting others' interests above His own even to the point of death on the cross.
4. Practical ways to honor others include sharing with those in need, rejoicing/mourning with others, treating everyone equally, and showing kindness and compassion.
5. Seeing people - truly noticing them, learning their names, and caring about their lives - is a powerful way to honor them and build bridges for sharing Christ.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for modeling perfect humility by setting aside Your divine privileges to serve and save us. Forgive us for the times we've been consumed with our own importance rather than honoring others. This week, help us to be intentional about putting others first - not just in grand gestures, but in our everyday interactions. Give us eyes to see the people around us as You see them - precious, valuable, and worthy of honor. May our legacy be one of Christ-like humility that points others to You. Transform our hearts so that honoring others becomes not just an obligation but a joy. In Your name we pray, amen.