

1. Motivate

How can you recognize a genuine fan?

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2. Transition

A fan is totally devoted to his or her team, as seen in attitude and actions.

- We could make a comparison to our devotion to God.
- Our relationship with God is seen in how we honor Him.

3. Bible Study

3.1 Honor God's Name

Listen for how to honor God.

Exodus 20:7-11 (NIV) "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Consider the significance of a name, especially in the Old Testament period?

- *often showed the character of the individual*
- *might have something to do with the birth or the parents' reaction to the birth*
- *the name could be chosen to signify family ties*
- *the name might be given to communicate God's message*
- *even today, you probably don't choose a name for your child that was the name of someone in your past that was mean or silly or maybe the name of your pet – you want a name that will receive respect*

So, why was (is) honoring God's name important, beyond the fact God said we were to do so?

What are some ways that people today, even believers, can dishonor or misuse God's name?

How is the Sabbath to be honored?

What is the rationale for resting from work?

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Honor God

Why do we often struggle to slow down and take a break?

What benefits of practicing a day of Sabbath (or Lord's Day) rest resonate with you?

What positive actions can you take to honor the Lord's day?

3.2 Honor God through Worship

Listen for how the psalmist honored God.

Psalm 145:1-3 (NIV) I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.² Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

What title did the psalmist give to God?

What actions did he commit to taking toward the Lord?

Do you think that praise is necessarily communicated or can it just be felt or thought internally?

Must be Communicated	Can be felt/thought internally

⇒ Can happen *both* ways ... *but it must happen!!!*

How is God's greatness "unsearchable?" How are his works "mighty", "wonderful", and "awe-inspiring"?

What can we do to help stay focused on God's power during difficult or discouraging circumstances?

3.3 Honor God in Word and Deed

Listen for admonitions to parents, grandparents.

Psalm 145:4-7 (NIV) One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. 5 They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. 6 They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. 7 They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Beyond his personal commitment to honor God, what was the psalmist convinced must take place?

What are some words the psalmist used to speak of the work of the Lord among humankind?

When have you experienced God's wondrous works and awe inspiring acts?

In what ways is our faith passed on to the next generation?

Application

Repent.

- Confess to God any times you misused the name of God and failed to honor Him with your life.
- Turn away from these failures, turn back to honoring God.

Journal.

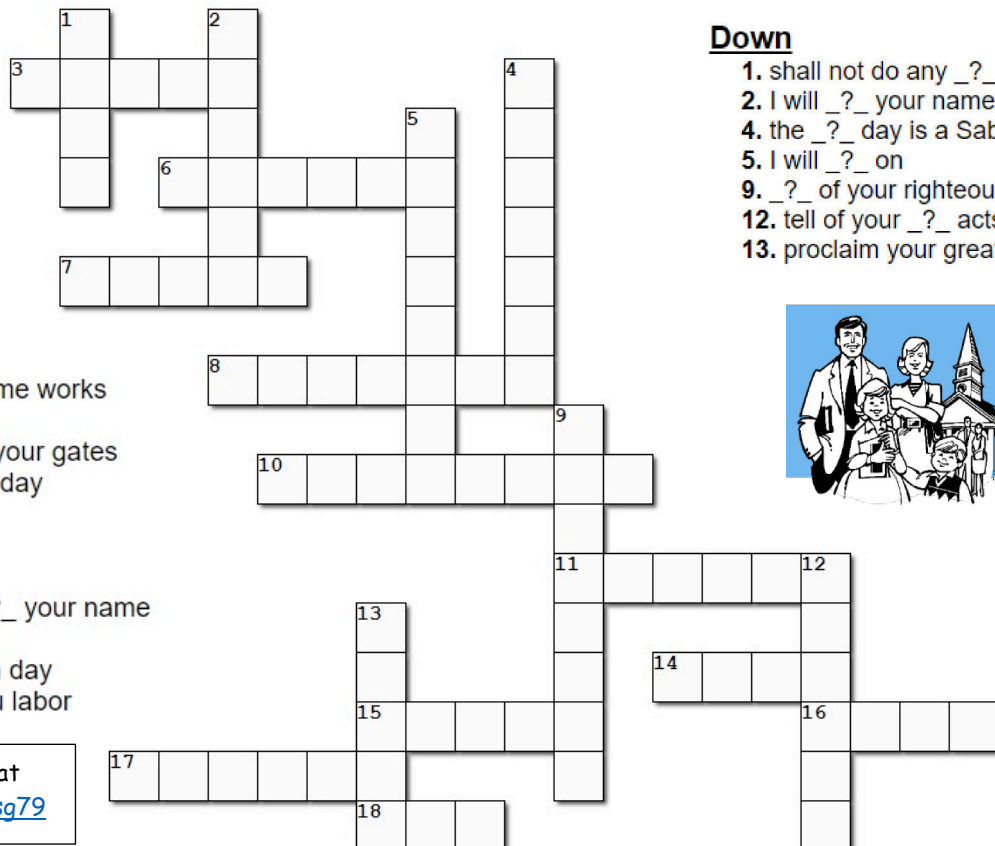
- Journaling is a great way of identifying the pressing thoughts on your heart and mind.
- When you sit down to write, the natural flow of your thinking comes out.
- Take a moment each day this week to journal about your relationship with God and thoughts about Him.
- Let your own words reveal to you how much you honor and worship Him.

Share.

- If you are on social media, consider how you can post and share God-honoring posts this week.
- Or consider how you can share a testimony of how great God is and the great acts He has done.
- If you are not on social media, seek to share a testimony of God and His power in your life with others you communicate with during the week.
- Go ahead and brag on God. He deserves it.

Crossword

Clues and words taken from Exodus 20:7-11; Psalm 145:1-7 (NIV)



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1. shall not do any _?_
2. I will _?_ your name forever
4. the _?_ day is a Sabbath
5. I will _?_ on
9. _?_ of your righteousness
12. tell of your _?_ acts
13. proclaim your great _?_

Across

3. _?_ of your awesome works
6. not _?_ the name
7. nor the _?_ within your gates
8. remember the _?_ day
10. glorious _?_
11. no one can _?_
14. my God the _?_
15. praise you and _?_ your name
16. and made it _?_
17. He _?_ on the 7th day
18. _?_ days shal you labor



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