

## Character Trait for September 20-26 is Honor

### Ephesians 5:1, "Therefore, be imitators of God"

**CHARACTER:** qualities built into our lives that determine our responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Honor:** Respecting others because of their worth as human beings, and their worth to God.

**Weekly Verse:** Philippians 2:3,4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

**Bible Story:** There are two stories that illustrate the importance of character from the positive and negative standpoint. The story of Joseph in Genesis 37-41 details the benefits of living a life of character, while the story of Saul in I Samuel shows us that a lack of character can end in disaster.

**Quote:** "A hundred years cannot repair the damage from a momentary loss of honor."

**Leadership:** In the book Leaders Eat Last, Simon Sinek talks about serving others from the perspective of a leader. It is always fascinating to watch who goes to the front of the line when eating in a large group, and what that may indicate about how they feel about others. (I'm not recommending the book, just the concept.)

**Living in Community:** In order to demonstrate honor to others, this month Santiam Christian will be focusing on saying "please" and "thank you".

### Application:

**Honor** seems to be a major topic of conversation over the last several weeks, as we debate what it means to honor others and our nation. What have you seen happening that helps the conversation move forward and what have you seen happening that causes more harm than good? This is not about which side of the issue you are on, but rather how we should approach topics like this.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you experienced someone honoring you this week? How did it make you feel?
2. What can happen that makes it difficult to honor others? What can get in the way of showing someone honor?
3. How can honoring others help us live together as a community of believers?
4. One aspect of leadership is that leaders take action instead of just talking about something. What is one way you have demonstrated leadership this week through your actions instead of just through your words?