

3 WAYS TO HONOR YOUR CR/CC PASTOR



1

GET TO KNOW YOUR PASTOR

Make time to hear stories of your pastor's journey and get to know your pastor as a person. Everybody is somebody in God's eyes regardless of where they are from and what their culture is. Get to know your pastor and their family, her/his journey, what s/he is like, what his/her hopes and dreams are.



2

LEARN ABOUT YOUR PASTOR'S CULTURE

Compare your culture/congregation's culture with the pastor's culture. You may find that some cultural aspects (concept of time, approaches to relationship and hierarchy, mode of communication, etc.) are similar while others are different. Observe how one's culture might influence assumptions, actions and attitudes. It is important to understand that different is just different, not better or worse.



3

RESPECT DIFFERENCES IN CULTURAL NORMS

One way to show grace and hospitality to those from another culture is by appreciating and affirming different cultural practices. Examine the differences in cultural norms between you and your pastor as it relates to how one expresses a sense of self and space. Be open to the viewpoints, thoughts, and experiences of your pastor.