

# HONOR & RESPECT

## WEEK ONE: ANOINTED

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Honor and respect. We often feel that those two things have to be earned, fought for, or deserved. We give honor and respect when we *want* to give them. But what if we took honor and respect to the next level? Let's take a look at the life of David, and how we're to give honor and respect to those that God puts around us, including those we don't think deserve it.

### Where Am I Today?

- 1) Think of one person who should have your respect. This might be a boss, parent, spouse, your child's teacher or their coach. You might choose a low-profile political figure like the building inspector or someone as prestigious as President Obama. After you get that person in your head, write down some ways that you are 1) honoring them, and 2) being disrespectful of them.

### Into the Bible

- 2) Q. The most common way to show respect—or to dishonor a person—is through our words. What attitudes and types of speech do you notice in the exchanges below?
  - a. 1 Samuel 17:31-37



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- b. 1 Samuel 17:41-44
  - c. 1 Samuel 17:45-47
- 3) To whom should we give honor and respect? And what qualifies them for it? Check out the passages below:
- a. 1 Peter 2:13-18
  - b. 1 Peter 3:1, 7
  - c. Ephesians 5:21
  - d. 1 Timothy 6:1-2
- 4) When bitter conflict sets in, how we handle it is crucial. Honor and respect are necessary if we are to rebuild trust. **Read 1 Samuel 24:8-22.** What are some of the things that David and Saul did to restore their relationship and honor each other?

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## How Does This Apply?

- 5) Jesus submitted to God's will in coming to earth in human form. During the last days of His life, He yielded to the authority of both the Jewish leaders and the Roman government. He did not resist or rebuke. He "tapped the brakes," to use Mike's analogy. How will you submit to—and honor—the person you identified in the first question of this study? What will you change about that relationship? If you can, share your "next step" with your group for encouragement and to embolden them also!

## Digging Deeper: Going Further on Your Own

- 6) **Read 1 Samuel 16:1-12.** Samuel was a great and godly man, used mightily by God to lead kings and kingdoms. Yet in 1 Samuel 16:1, God tells him to quit grieving, get up, and go do something new. Again, in verses six and seven, the Lord rebukes Samuel for trying to figure out what's best instead of depending on God's plan. Is there a dream you are reluctant to give up on, but you sense God asking you to move on? Or is your issue self-sufficiency? Do you have an "I know better than God" attitude? Is it fear? Be sure to write down in a journal or in your Bible what God is saying to your heart about this passage and how it applies to your life.