



Love & Respect

Part 3 – Honor and Respect

Discussion Guide

Love & Respect is a series about learning to love God, love people, and love ourselves the way we are taught throughout the Bible. This week, we look at what the Bible says about honoring others, even when we disagree or feel they are being unjust. This is not only how we bring glory to God, but how we improve our lives and relationships in the process.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth, and apply it to our week.

1. Is there one person in your life you find difficult to follow and respect? Do you feel you have a good reason? Give a short description of why you don't want to follow them. (But don't gossip!)
2. **Read [1 Peter 2:13-14, 17](#)**. Exactly who are you supposed to respect? List everyone who comes to mind or is mentioned in this passage.
3. **Read [Matthew 5:38-41 and Romans 12:20](#)**. In the service, we learned that Jesus taught us to respect and bring about change at the same time. Why would you agree that "meekness packs a powerful punch"? How can you apply this passage in your home, your workplace, your church family? Change the examples into modern-day ways to "go the extra mile."
4. In today's political climate, in the tone of social media, and from news media sources, we are encouraged to debate, slander, and argue with anyone who does not agree with us. But what does God's Word say? **Read [Proverbs 20:3 and 1 Peter 2:12](#)**. What is God saying to you specifically in these passages? Which situations tempt you to engage in debate or arguing? What is the result of restraining yourself from quarreling and, in other ways, being respectful?
5. Final Thought: The struggles we are undergoing may seem monumental. Yet they are nothing compared to real persecution faced throughout history and taking place across the world right now. When you take a long-term view, can you see the wisdom of remaining respectful of those in authority over you, in every situation? What will be the payout? **Read [Romans 8:18](#)** for another long-term perspective. What do you think you will be thinking about "when we've been there ten thousand years"?

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

Honor is used many times in the Bible. The two versions of this word are “*kabod*” and “*timao*.” The root word for “*kabod*” literally means heavy or weighty. When we give someone honor, based off this meaning, we give weight or grant respect and authority to another. Honor is typically an internal attitude of respect, courtesy, and reverence. However, honor should be shown with appropriate attention and obedience.

6. Saul was the first king of Israel. When David was anointed to replace him, Saul became his enemy and sought to kill him. **Read [1 Samuel 24:1-13](#)**. What would the world (his men) advise David to do? What did he do? What happened to David immediately (vs5)? How does this passage change your perspective on honor and authority?

7. Upon the death of King Saul and Prince Jonathan, David wrote a lament. **Read [2 Samuel 1:17-27](#)**. Why would David write this song? Considering the history and animosity between David and Saul, what does this say about honoring one another? How can you choose to honor those who have gone before you?

8. **Read [2 Samuel 6:16-23](#)**. What was David’s intention as he escorted the ark of the Lord up to the tent he had erected for it? Why did this upset Michal, his wife and Saul’s daughter? What is David saying in verses 21 and 22? Even though it might not require dancing naked in the streets, in what ways can you humble yourself more for the Lord?