



The Week of May 30, 2021
Respect
Conversation Guide

This Week's Take-Aways

- **God's Design for Marriage and Family:** (Ephesians 5:22-6:4) I believe marriage and family are gifts from God and serve as a picture of Christ's relationship with the church. Family is the first environment where I am able to demonstrate my love for God by the way I love others.
- **Love:** (1 John 4:7-21) I choose to sacrificially and unconditionally love and forgive others because I have personally experienced God's love for me.

Intro Questions

- How much of the song R-E-S-P-E-C-T can you sing/recite?
- What makes you feel respected?
- How do you show respect to others?

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Read Exodus 20:1-17 (excerpted, CSB)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

Do not have other gods besides me.

Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them....

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: You are to labor six days and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God....

Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Do not murder.

Do not commit adultery.

Do not steal.

Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Do not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.

- The first four commandments deal with what relationship?
- How does it command us to show our respect to Him?
- The remaining six commandments deal with what relationships?
- How in each relationship do you show basic respect?
- Who is our neighbor?
- It can be easy to think we don't have to worry about murder and stealing because we're "good people" but the Bible has a higher standard:
 - *"You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, 'You fool!' will be subject to hellfire."* (Matthew 5:21-22)
 - *"For every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills."* (Psalm 50:10)
 - How does Jesus define murder?
 - Who are we really stealing from when we take from others (can include property, time, energy, ideas, etc)?

Read Philippians 2:1-5 (CSB)

If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others. Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus.

- According to these verses, where does the motivation for respecting others come from?
- In Jeanne Hull's interview with Pastor Tommy (view it again at <https://youtu.be/kHzsFNiYm3I> or on the app) talked about the connection between compassion and respect. How is that amplified in these verses and exemplified by Christ?
- What are some ways you can identify when you are being self-serving? How can we put others interests first?

Read James 1:19-22 (CSB)

My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness. Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

- What ways of showing respect are outlined in these verses?
- How can you identify triggers that make you quick to anger?
- How does taking the time to listen to others show deep respect?

Read Ephesians 5:33-6:4 (CSB)

To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

- How are a husband and wife to show love and respect for each other?
- How are children to show respect to their parents? How can you show respect in different stages of your parents' lives?
- How are parents to show respect their children?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 (CSB)

Submit to every human authority because of the Lord, whether to the emperor as the supreme authority or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do what is evil and to praise those who do what is good. For it is God's will that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves. Honor everyone. Love the brothers and sisters. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Read Titus 3:1-2 (CSB)

Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to slander no one, to avoid fighting, and to be kind, always showing gentleness to all people.

- Is honor the same as respect?
- According to this passage who are we show honor to?
- Does this passage give us an out if we disagree with the authority?
- Is showing respect passive or does it require initiative?

Next Steps

My Homework (ways that Joseph showed respect)

1. Respect human authority
2. Respect human relationships
3. Respect God's standards
4. Respect God

Resources:

- [Teaching Respect to Children \(http://www.discipleblog.com/2012/07/teaching-respect-to-children/\)](http://www.discipleblog.com/2012/07/teaching-respect-to-children/)
- [Bible Lessons on Respect for Pre-Teens \(https://preteenministry.net/bible-lessons-on-respect-for-kids/\)](https://preteenministry.net/bible-lessons-on-respect-for-kids/)
- [6 Biblical Truths to Teach Your Teen About Respect \(https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/biblical-truths-to-teach-your-teen-about-respect\)](https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/biblical-truths-to-teach-your-teen-about-respect)