



Session 11: Finding Honor
Suggested Week of Use: August 16, 2020
Core Passage: Proverbs Prov. 31:10-16,23-31

News Story Summary

In July, many people honored Congressman John Lewis following his death. Flags at the White House were lowered to half-staff, and tributes from former presidents, congressional leaders, politicians, and everyday citizens poured in. Lewis became the first African American lawmaker to lie in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.

Lewis served in Congress for more than three decades over 17 terms in office. Prior to that, he joined the Freedom Riders at age 21, and was the last surviving speaker from the March on Washington in 1963. In March 1965, he was a part of the march in Selma, Alabama, where his skull was fractured. Lewis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Congressman John Lewis honored after his death”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, begin by asking the group: *What criteria makes a person worthy of honoring them?* Tell the story of how Congressman John Lewis was honored for his work not only in the Congress, but also in his work on human rights. Say: *Today’s Bible study will talk about characteristics of an honorable life.* Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the State idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of John Lewis highlighting reasons he was honored after his death. Emphasize that Congressman Lewis was looked to most of his adult life. Remind the group that someone is always watching each of us to see how we live. Complete the step as written, asking the rhetorical question included in the State idea.