

# IN THE WORLD



John 17:9-19

**LESSON 7**  
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Connect timeless truths with today's news.

## **GREAT HONOR TO A PLAYER**

The Philadelphia 76ers honored Allen Iverson this week by unveiling a statue of the basketball great outside the team's arena. Iverson led the Sixers to the NBA finals in 2001 and had a long, stellar career. The Legends Walk features a series of sculptures honoring former Philadelphia players such as Charles Barkley, Wilt Chamberlain, and Moses Malone. "Allen Iverson is one of the greatest 76ers to ever live and one of the most iconic players in the history of the NBA," said Sixers co-owners Josh Harris and David Blitzer in a statement. "We're thrilled to honor his accomplishments with a well-deserved sculpture on Legends Walk."

## **GREAT HONOR TO THE LORD**

The centurion mentioned in today's passage must have been remarkable, for when he sent word asking for Jesus to heal his servant, the Jewish leaders of Capernaum vouched for the Roman soldier. They even said that he *deserved* to have Jesus go help him. But the centurion didn't hold such a high view of himself. He instead sent a message, telling Jesus that he didn't deserve to have him enter his home. His faith was so great that he knew Jesus could heal his servant from anywhere, with just a spoken command.

1. Whom do you know who deserves to have a statue put up in his or her honor?
2. What might be a modern equivalent of the Jewish leaders praising this Roman centurion?
3. How was the centurion's faith greater than any person Jesus had encountered in all of Israel?

## **Additional Resources**

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