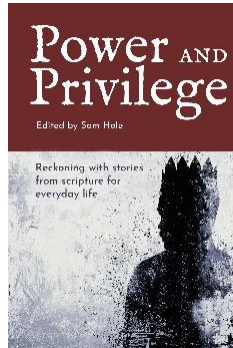


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Power and Privilege

Reckoning with stories from scripture for everyday life

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The themes of power and privilege are currently the subject of high-profile, and often controversial, scrutiny in many churches. This collection draws together internationally renowned scholars and practitioners to consider what may be learned for Christian life today from the biblical stories of how individuals handled (and mishandled) the responsibilities of power and privilege. It aims to help readers and churches both to recognise the power they hold, and to inspire them to consider how they use it well to live wise and faithful lives. As Sam Hole writes in his introduction: 'Power and privilege are unavoidable realities of life in the world, with great potential for good and ill. We are called to be wise to their temptation and discerning of the many ways we and others abuse them. And it is at the same time our Christian duty to learn how to use them well, so that we may together build up the body of Christ.'

Praise for Power and Privilege

'This timely book addresses issues which are unavoidable in the very nature of human structures, including institutional churches... It should make us all stop and think, especially those of us who hold positions of leadership and influence, and demand of us particular care, wisdom, and gentleness as we use all we have and are in the service of the kingdom of God.' – *Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York*

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