

Virtual Small Group Discussion

1 Peter 2.13–17

Citizenship Flows from Allegiance



Getting Started

- How do you usually respond to authorities in your life? What about if they seem to be unjust, cruel, or just plain incompetent?
- Why do you think it is that many 21st century Western Christians struggle with the “S” word (submission)?

Static Questions

- **WHAT IS THE PASSAGE ABOUT?**
 - Note the key details (Who, What, When, Where, Why, etc.)
 - Pay attention to the main *Facts* of the passage.
- **WHAT DID YOU LEARN?**
 - What does the passage reveal about God? About people?
 - Is there a promise or a command or a warning?
 - What is the main truth of the passage?
 - What lessons do you see?
- **HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?**
 - How does this passage relate to your life right now?
 - What change in your thinking or behavior is needed to align with the truths in this passage?
 - How should you respond based on what you learned?

From the Teaching this Morning

- According to Peter, why should Christians submit to the authorities above us?
- Particularly in light of what is going on around us every day, is there ever a reason for Christians to **not** submit? If you are struggling with this question, ask members of your group to take turns reading Daniel 3.8–12; Daniel 6.6–10; and Acts 4.18–20.
- What is Peter calling for in verse 16?
- **Application:** In verse 17, Peter helps the preacher out by providing 4 clear commands or applications. What are they? How might we be able to do those today?
- What were your thoughts on Jonathan Edwards list of how one can be a good citizen?

