



Part 1: God is Sovereign Over Government

Text: Romans 13:1-7

1. What excites you about our new series: Politics in Perspective? _____

2. Read **Mark 12:31**. What should this verse lead me to do regarding politics? Why? _____

3. Why should Christians agree on political goals, but not necessarily on political methods (strategies)?

a. What happens when we turn our political methods into biblical mandates? _____

4. Read **Romans 13:1**. What specifically is God sovereign over here? _____

a. What does this mean regarding evil governments and evil authorities? Consider **Jeremiah 27:6; John 19:11; and Psalm 22:28**. _____

b. Why does God's sovereignty over politics matter when it comes to my engagement with politics?

c. If God is sovereign – why should I vote? Consider **Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 2:10** and **Hebrews 13:21**. _____

5. From the sermon, what are the 3 institutions God put in place (**Genesis 2, 9; Acts 2**)? _____

a. Why does it matter for society how we think about each institution? _____

6. Read **Romans 13:2-7**. What is taught about government and our relation to it here? _____

a. How does **Genesis 9:6** compliment what is taught? _____

b. What would society be like without any government? _____

c. Do oppressive governments even serve good purposes? How? _____

7. What is the relationship between worshipping God and obeying governing laws? _____

a. What laws in your city, state and nation have you been lax at obeying? What changes will you put into place? _____

b. Why should I expect increased joy in God as I obey governing laws? _____

8. Why is it important to see the commands regarding government in **Romans 13:1-7** as applying *in general*?

a. How should we understand civil disobedience in light of **Matthew 22:21, Acts 5:29, Exodus 1:17, and Esther 4:16**? _____

b. Are there any laws in your city, state or nation that you should *not* obey at this time? Why? _____

9. How should God's sovereignty over government – in light of the gospel – impact our thinking regarding politics? Consider **Romans 8:28** and **James 1:2-4**. _____

10. What is a main take away for you from this teaching? _____