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1. Read 1 Peter 2:13-25 and discuss.

2. What does it look like to give our leaders respect even when they are unjust?
1 Peter 2:21

3. 2 Timothy 4:3 says "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear." (NIV) In what ways are God's people doing this? Do you tend to do this?

4. Do you tend to lean toward pacifism or extreme patriotism? Knowing that we all need to work hard to maintain balance, how have you been out of balance in the past? What steps do you need to take to be more balanced in the future?

5. One of the commonalities between pacifism and extreme patriotism is a lack of personal evangelism. How do these two extremes have the same effect on evangelism? How does sharing the Gospel keep us in balance?

6. How does prayer keep us in balance?

7. Read Romans 13:1-7. How does knowing that God has ultimate authority in ALL things keep us in balance?