

Peoples Church Small Group Questions

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Series: Sanctuary—The “S” Word—Submit

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Looking Back:

1 Peter 2:11-12

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

Peter reminds us of how to live (the imperative) on earth. Our behavior puts God on display.

Digging Deeper:

1 Peter 2:13-25

Peter brings up the “S” word or submit in these verses. Submit means, “to willingly order oneself under, or according to, a given relationship.”

1. What feelings, words or thoughts do you associate with the word, “submit?”
2. Are these feelings, words or thoughts associated with positive or negative attitudes? Why or why not? What past hurts do you associate with the word, “submit?”

Pastor Dale gave us a list of why “We don’t like the concept of submission:”

- because of our nature- Adam did not submit to God, we have a sin propensity, a ME mentality
- because of our pride- we know best
- because of our experience- past abuse by authority

3. Which of the above reasons do you think best explains why you don’t like to “submit?”
Why?

4. According to verses 13-20, who must we submit to?

5. Why must we submit to them? (verses 21-25)

REMINDER: Submit to injustice because we are putting God on display!

Taking it Home:

Pastor Dale gave us some practical ways we can do good:

- Work hard
- Pay our taxes
- Tip well

6. Which one of these will you work on this week?