

Small Group Notes

Sermon: 11/07/21



Head On: Authority

Introduction

On Sunday we had Stephen Dawson speak on Authority Head On. Helping us to understand God's heart towards authority, what the Bible says about it and how it points us to Jesus.

Scripture

Romans 13:1-7

Overview

Stephen spoke on what the Bible teaches us about the topic of authority. He helped us see that culture and the media today has a negative view towards authority. The news is full of stories of abuse of authority and hypocrisy within authority. Particularly in this COVID season the question of authority has been magnified. We saw how in all humanity has a draw to rebel against the authority of God and authority over our lives. We heard how God has placed authority in our lives for our good. They have been ordained by God and we are called to honour and submit to them. We are called to be thankful for the authorities in our lives, grateful for the laws that keep us safe and allow flourishing in the world around us. We saw how when we resist authority in our lives we are resisting the Lord, when we honour and obey our parents, leaders and government we are honouring Christ.

Stephen also unpacked how we should respond to authority that is being abused. He helped us see that our first priority is to honour Christ, that means turning the other cheek and blessing those who persecute us. Yet honouring Him can also be standing against injustice and evil in our land in a godly manner.

Questions

1. What do you have to be grateful for because of authority in your lives ?
2. How do you think you could grow in honouring and obeying authority?
3. What areas in your life do you feel a godly stirring to make a stand for His glory and His purpose? How can you do that in a godly and gracious way?