

Scriptures for further study John 19:9-11 | Acts 5 | 1 Peter 2:13-20

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Romans 13:1-7

"Because God has ordained government authority for our good, we must be subject to our government."

- 1. In what area of life do you feel the strongest tension between living as a citizen of your country and living as a citizen of God's kingdom?
- 2. Have you ever been in a situation where you acted in disobedience to our government out of obligation to Christ? If so, describe what the situation was like.
- 3. In Romans 13:1-2, who in our society would be included in the phrase "governing authorities"? What is the command for how we are to respond to those authorities?
- 4. Describe a time recently when it was hard for you to believe God's sovereign rule over government, either in our country or another nation.
- 5. According to verses 3-4, what are governments put in place by God to accomplish?
- 6. Why should Christians be subject to government according to verse 5?
- 7. In verses 6-7, how does a believer tangibly give respect to government officials?
- 8. During this pandemic, what are some ways Center Grove members can appropriately respond to the government?
- 9. Read verses 1-7 without interruption. How do your inward thoughts and attitudes measure up to Paul's instructions? What change or transformation is needed?