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SERMON STUDY



REFLECT

1. How would you answer a friend who asked you, “What is the purpose of government?”

ENCOUNTER

Government is good. Specific Governments may be evil or good, but the concept of government itself is good because it is designed by God. Spend time building a biblical foundation for understanding government by studying various passages.

Each one of these passages is worthy of a deeper examination. For now, seek to overview the purpose of government, power of government, and our responsibility to government from each of these passages. Write down and discuss what you learn.

2. Genesis 9:1-7
3. 1 Timothy 2:1-5
4. Romans 13:1-7
5. 1 Peter 2:13-17

TRANSFORM

6. While there may be many disagreements about politics, all Christians should agree on one point: we must pray for those in authority. Make a list of governing authorities at different levels that we are called to pray for.

City

State

Nation

7. Spend time thanking God and praying for government officials.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR FURTHER READING

Jonathan Leeman & Andy Naselli. *How Can I Love Church Members with Different Politics?*

Mark Dever. *God and Politics*

Wayne Grudem. *Politics According to the Bible.*

