

For Such A Time As This: Week 6, Ambassador Status

Scott Merriner, May 31, 2020 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Read: John 15:19 and John 17:15-16

1. What do these verses tell us about our "citizenship" as followers of Christ?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:20 and Ephesians 6:19-20

2. What do these verses tell us about being an "ambassador" of Christ?

Read: 1 Peter 2:11-17

3. What actions and priorities are encouraged for Christ followers living as residents of earthy communities?

Read: Romans 13:1-7

4. According to this passage, what relationship does God have with governing authorities? How should Christians respond to this reality?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 5. What makes it difficult, at times, to trust that civic authorities are indeed "God's servants"?
- 6. How can followers of Christ look for ways to support, not subvert, the objectives of civic authorities?
- 7. How can followers of Christ express divergent opinions in ways that convey respect, not contempt, for civic authorities?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **