

Build Your Life

Why should we Submit to the Government?

Titus 3:1-2

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Titus 3:1-2

13 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1

Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- How do you usually respond to those in authority, have you ever struggled to respect it?
- How do you feel when others disrespect your authority?

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- As you reflect on last weekend's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- Read Romans 13:1. What do you think about that?
- Read Titus 3:1-2. Why does it matter how believers respond to governing authorities? See also John 18:36. Philippians 3:20.
- What is a Christian to do if the governing authorities are asking us to sin?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How can we as followers of Christ demonstrate that Jesus is our God and not government as we debate issues on social media or in other conversations?
- What would you say is at the heart of disobedience and disrespect?
- Why do you think God wants us to listen to governing authorities?
- In your opinion is Church and State meant to stay separated? Why or why not?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Be mindful of what you say about our leaders when you are around others. Are your comments helpful, or hurtful? Can you disagree but still show respect?
- For further reading on this subject look up 1 Peter 2:13-25.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
2. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (*3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection*)
4. Who is one non-believer that you need to reach out to this week?
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week? Pray for one another.