



HTC Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: Hopeful: Of Authority

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:13-17

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1. Who is the best person you have worked for? Who is the worst? What distinguishes the two from each other?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word *submission*? Why?
3. Let's read 1 Peter 2:13-15. In the fall we studied the book of Daniel in our series, Kingdoms & Kings. How are Daniel and his three friends good illustrations of how to live these verses?
4. Peter has personal experience with governing authorities in Acts 4:1-22 and Acts 5:17-42. How do each of these reflect "be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution" (1 Peter 2:13) and "we must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29)?
5. In light of this, what then should submission to authority look like to you?
6. What is our responsibility to government leaders (our emperors and governors) whom we don't always agree with based upon this passage (not personal opinion or previous perspective)?
7. How does the Christian response to authority in this area "put to silence the ignorance of foolish people" (1 Peter 2:15) and "keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable" (1 Peter 2:12)?
8. Are there any areas where "the ignorance of foolish people" is being used to describe Christians? Are there any areas where the general Christian response is ignorant and/or foolish?
9. How is it possible to "use your freedom as a cover-up for evil" (1 Peter 2:16)? Have you ever known someone (maybe yourself) who has justified their behavior because of the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God? Why does Peter speak against this?
10. Peter gives a four part application to end this section in 1 Peter 2:17. (1) Honor everyone. (2) Love the brotherhood. (3) Fear God. (4) Honor the emperor. How are you encouraged and challenged to respond?