

“Freely Subjected”

1 Peter 2:13–17

24 July 2022

INVITATION

1. Share with your Group a little about the view of politics with which you were raised—particularly if you were raised in a church environment. Were you taught (either explicitly or implicitly) to engage? To avoid? To criticise?

RECOLLECTION

2. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon preached Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

OBSERVATION

3. We saw on Sunday morning that v. 17 offers some qualifications to the call for submission. Do you think it is significant that Peter leaves his qualifications to the end, and that he closes by reiterating the call to “honour the emperor”? Explain your answer.

APPLICATION

4. Mark Dever has written, “Almost any government is better than no government.” Do you agree? Why, or why not?

5. Someone has said that we should think of human government in four ways: as generally helpful; as thoroughly fallen; as occasionally malevolent; and as ultimately provisional. Discuss each of these categories and what submission looks like in each case.

6. Augustine said that government is a necessary evil and that it is necessary because of evil. According to this text, what is the God-given role of human government?

What other texts come to mind that help you to understand the God-given role of human government?

SUPPLICATION

7. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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