

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask someone in your group to open us in prayer.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Looking back on your week, how would you rate it from 1 to 10? What moments made it feel meaningful, tough, or somewhere in between?

READ SCRIPTURE

Read through Romans 13:1-7.

DIG DEEPER

1) We live in a time where politics often find their way into everyday conversations. Where do you notice this showing up in your own daily life?

2) In what ways does the tension between letting our faith shape our politics (biblical worldview) versus letting politics shape our faith (political worldview) challenge us in today's world?

3) Pastor CJ talked about the challenge between submitting to authority and following our conscience. As Christians, how do we navigate that balance in today's political climate?

4) In verse 5, Paul says submission isn't just about avoiding punishment, it's also a matter of conscience. How does this shape the way we understand obedience and our role in society?

5) The baseball game story showed how quickly culture can tear down someone's dignity. What does this say about our society's tendency to weaponize anger and how should the Church respond differently?

6) Pastor CJ shared that the same sin and brokenness we see "out there" is also in us. How can confession and repentance (starting with ourselves) help break cycles of anger, arrogance, and fear?

7) If we are called to be model citizens under earthly authorities while ultimately submitting to the sovereignty Christ, what does that look like in practical ways this week, in our speech, online interactions, and daily decisions?

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As we wrap up our time together, let's take a moment to close in prayer.

TAKE ACTION

Take a moment to reflect on your daily interactions, and ask God to show you how to bring Christ into the culture around you