

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 13-19, 2022

“HONORABLE CITIZENS”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

(For youth) What do you look forward to about being an adult? (For adults) What did you like most about being a kid?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 PETER 2:13-17.

1. We heard it mentioned in the sermon that submission is one of the hardest to obey. Do you agree? What kind of submission are you struggling with? To your husband? To governing authorities? To your boss?
2. Why do you suppose Peter inserts the phrase “for the Lord’s sake” in verse 13? How does this change how we think about submission? Should our submission to Christ translate to our submission to others? In what way?
3. It is interesting to note that the leader of the Roman world at the time Peter wrote this letter was Nero, who was a bad ruler who did terrible things. How do you think the recipients of this letter would have responded? Why do you think he finds it necessary to issue this command?
4. How do you show respect? Do your words line up with your beliefs? Do your actions show that Christ is living within you? Why or why not? Why is it a bad idea to think that because we are made free by Christ’s work, we can do whatever we please? What would happen if Christians did this?
5. What is Peter referring to when he speaks about “the ignorant talk of foolish men” in verse 15? How does the previous verses clarify this? How have you experienced this in your own life or see this in our own day?
6. What are the four commands in verse 17? Think of and share specific, practical ways that you can obey these instructions.

7. Read 1 Peter 2:18-20. If we are to submit to our employers and respect them, what is that saying about God’s expectation that we do a good job? In what sense do we dishonor God when we don’t give our full effort to our jobs?

8. NEXT STEPS

The call to submission is grounded in the privilege of doing it for Christ’s sake.

- ☐ I will submit to God in all areas of my life.
- ☐ I will live as a servant of God.
- ☐ I will show proper respect to everyone, love the brethren, revere God and honor the government and its leaders.
- ☐ God is my greatest blessing and I will share him to those in need of his grace.

Don’t forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God’s Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that submits for Christ’s sake.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

November 14	1 Peter 2:4-8
November 15	1 Peter 2:9-10
November 16	1 Peter 2:11-12
November 17	1 Peter 2:13-17
November 18	1 Peter 2:18-20
November 19	1 Peter 2:21-23
November 20	1 Peter 2:24-25