

Title: **Submitting for the Sake of the King**
Text: **1 Peter 2:13-17**
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Big Idea

As Christians, we are called to honor and submit to governing authorities as a testimony of the gospel—while ultimately submitting to Jesus, our true King.

1. S_____ to A_____ (vv. 13-14)

(cf. 1 Peter 2:13, 18, 3:1, 5:5; James 4:7, Mark 16:15, Romans 1:25)

- Submit to G_____ Authorities (vv. 13b-14)
(cf. Romans 13:1-7, Titus 3:1-3, 1 Timothy 2:1-3, Mark 12:13-16)

2. Why? S_____ as a W_____ of the Gospel (v. 15)

(cf. 1 Peter 2:12, 3:1)

3. How? S_____ Knowing Our F_____ in Christ (v. 16)

(cf. Romans 8:1-2, 6:22, 1 Corinthians 9:19, Galatians 5:13-15)

- "Freedom in Christ": Freed from s_____, freed to s_____ God & others.

4. The H_____ of S_____ (v. 17)

- "Honor": to v_____, to r_____
- Examples of civil d_____ in the Bible: Exodus 1:17, 2:1-2, Daniel 3:13-18, 6:10, Esther 4:16, Matthew 2:12, Acts 4:18-20, Acts 5:27-29, Acts 16:35-37.

Recommended Resources

1. "How the Nations Rage: Rethinking Faith & Politics in a Divided Age" by Jonathan Leeman
2. Link to helpful articles, videos/podcasts on faith & politics: <https://www.9marks.org/collection/faith-politics/>
3. "How Can I Love Church Members with Different Politics? (Church Questions Booklet Series)" by Jonathan Leeman



Reflection Questions

- Why is the idea of submitting a difficult one in our culture today -- and for you personally? In what areas or situations is it most difficult for you to submit? In what ways do you need to grow in honoring those in authority?
- In what ways are your attitude, words & actions towards authority a positive -- or perhaps negative -- witness of the gospel to those around you?
- How have you perhaps mixed up the ordering and priority of fearing God, loving fellow Christians, and honoring everyone?
- What questions or areas of confusion do you have when it comes to faith & government (politics)?
- How does the gospel and Jesus' life and example encourage and empower you to freely live to submit and serve God and others?

Parent Corner: What are ways you can help your child grow in as children who belong to Jesus yet living this world in the areas of submission, honor, authority and wisdom?

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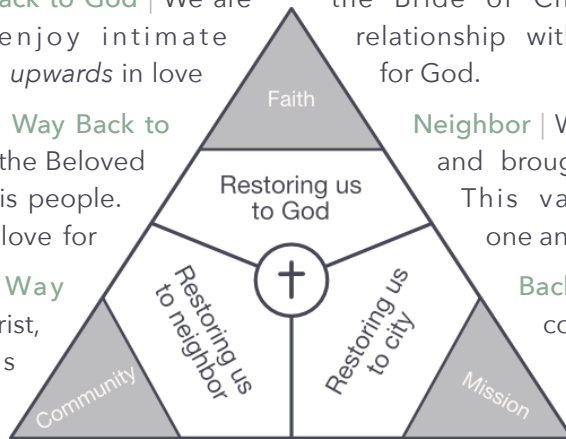
the Bride of Christ, created and relationship with him. This value for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. church *inwards* in love for

Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his value presses our in love for the

Back to City | We are commissioned by the ambassadors. This church *outwards* unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Campout - Register by 6/8!

We are excited to announce that we'll be hosting an All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 20-22! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to find a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us
at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

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Mercy Hill Kids New Volunteers Training - Today!

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From the GO! Team - CityTeam and the Philippines!

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