LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

God and Government

Passage: Romans 13

Introduction: This week John preached an overview sermon on God and government, addressing the question, "what does the Bible say about government?"

Additional passages: Genesis 9:6; Exodus 1:15-21; Daniel 3 & 6; Acts 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Questions:

1. Read Romans 13:1-4 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. What do these passages teach about the following?
    a. Government's source
    b. Government's purpose
    c. Government's bounds (limits)
    d. God's expectations for His people's posture and behavior towards government

2. When do you find yourself agitated with government authorities or restrictions? What do you think God expects of you in that situation?

3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. According to verse 2, what are we to pray for government officials? According to verse 4, for what reason are we to pray this?

4. Does your life reflect the biblical priority God places on declaring Jesus to people? Who in your life are you praying for God to save right now? How is it going in relationship with them/sharing Jesus with them?

5. John's third point noted that government is under God's law and there are times where people in Scripture went against government authority and were commended for it. Does your life display the type of devotion to God like the characters in these stories:
    a. Midwives (Exodus 1:15-21)
    b. Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego (Daniel 3)
    c. Daniel (Daniel 6)
    d. Early believers (Acts 4:18-20)

    Are you known for your faith like they are? How can you grow in this area?

6. John noted that God has put us in a country where we can impact local, regional, and national government. How are you involved right now? Who do you know that we can pray for who is actively involved?