



# Sermon Discussion Questions

*May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!*

**CHECK INS:** Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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## **3.22.26 - SERMON RECAP:**

This week we continue in our series: Disciples of Jesus- looking at I Peter 2:13-17. We looked at true freedom not being found in independence, but in willingly submitting our lives to God's authority for His glory. Peter calls Christians to live honorably under human authority while remaining ultimately obedient to God. We get the opportunity of walking in real freedom by means of Being Subject to and the Servant of God—honoring others, fearing the Lord, and trusting that submission to His Will, leads to eternal life and lasting hope that is more important than human institutions. Read I Peter 2:13-17 together, and chat through these questions...

## **DIGGING DEEPER:**

1. Read Philippians 2:5-7: How does Peter in vs 16 and Paul in Philippians redefine “freedom” in this passage compared to how our culture usually defines it? What does it mean to be a servant of God?
2. See 1 Peter 2:13: What does it practically look like to submit to authority first as an act of obedience to God rather than agreement with people?
3. How does the historical context of Nero change the way you hear Peter's command to honor the emperor? How does this challenge or stretch your own obedience today to honor authority?
4. Read Mark 10:41-45: Why do you think submission is such a difficult concept for us, especially as Americans? How have ideas of independence or personal rights shaped your view of authority or position away from the call of Christ to be servant and ransom our lives for others?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-24: Consider that true freedom is about choices that lead to desirable outcomes rather than escaping consequences. Where have you seen obedience to God's limits/boundaries actually produce freedom in your own life?
6. Look at 1 Peter 2:15. How can our conduct speak louder than our opinions in today's cultural? Why are our actions so important in our testimony as Believers?
7. Read/Look over Luke 23:1-16: How did Jesus respond to the authority before him? What is the difference between honoring authority and approving of everything authority does?
8. Peter links suffering for doing good with God's grace later in the letter. See 1 Peter 2:19–20. How does knowing that Christ also suffered unjustly change how we view submission and hardship? How are we to respond to suffering for doing good?
9. Verse 17 gives four short commands: honor everyone, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the emperor. What do those mean? Which of these do you find most challenging, and why?
10. Our ultimate citizenship is in heaven, not in any earthly nation. See Philippians 3:12-21. How does this truth help keep our perspective, loyalties, and reactions in proper order under God?

## **How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?**

 Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement 

 Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication 