

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Government & Jesus (& Jesus #5)

Week of May 6, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

If you could learn any skill, what would it be?

DISCUSSION

Read Romans 13:1-10

1. a. Who should submit to the government? (v.1)

b. Why should these people submit to the government? (v.1-5)

c. How should these people submit to the government? (v.6-7)



2. Why does Paul move from discussing submission to governing authorities in verses 1-7 to discussing love for your neighbor in verses 8-10? How are these two ideas connected?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

3. What does Peter say that affirms Romans 13:1-10? What does he add to the discussion?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

4. In discussions like these, it is easy to think of what other people need to do. But what do you sense God calling you to do in light of our study from Romans 13:1-10?

MEMORY VERSE

"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8)

PRAYER

Close in prayer for Jesus-followers living in countries where they are not free to practice their faith openly.

