

## TAKING IT HOME:

As you meditate throughout the week, ask the Lord to grow your desire to submit yourself one another and to those whom have been given authority over you. Each time you feel the price of this submission and take the risk of being wrong, rejected, judged, ridiculed, or embarrassed, praise God for empowering you with His truths!

## MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE:

My group's prayer requests

### LIFE GROUP TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group, but it can also be intimidating. We find that group prayer goes better when we don't require everyone to pray and we keep our prayers short and simple.



**PRAY • INVEST • INVITE**

**MY Pi<sup>2</sup> LIST**

<b>P</b> <b>PRAY</b> PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON YOUR PP LIST, PROVIDENTIAL MOMENTS, AND FOR OPPORTUNITIES, BOLDNESS, AND CLARITY.	+	<b>i</b> <b>INVEST</b> INVEST AND BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AND REAL FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE ON YOUR LIST.	+	<b>i</b> <b>INVITE</b> INVITE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (ATTEND CHURCH, LIFE GROUP, GO OUT FOR COFFEE, TRUST IN CHRIST).
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FAMILY MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
FRIEND \_\_\_\_\_  
CO-WORKER/CLASSMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
NEIGHBOR \_\_\_\_\_

## LIFE GROUP SERMON GUIDE

For the week of February 3, 2019

### ROMANS: PART 4 — “OUR PRIVILEGE”

Pastor Lambert Sikkema

**AUTHORIZED AGENTS**

Romans 13:1-7

**REVIEW:** Genuine love for those inside (6x) and outside (6x) the communion of the saints.

**KEY PRINCIPLE: CIVIL SERVANTS ARE TO BE RESPECTED AND OBEYED BECAUSE THEY ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED AGENTS OF GOD, WHETHER THEY RECOGNIZE IT OR NOT.** (v. 5)

### WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the peace against all who threaten it.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the “rule of law”

### WHAT DO WE, AS BELIEVERS, OWE THE STATE?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and other revenue

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Group Homework

For the week of February 3, 2019

### QUICK REVIEW:

1. As you reflect on your Sermon Guide Notes for this week's message, what was one key take-away that you'd like to discuss with your group?

### GOD'S STORY / OUR STORY

Read Romans 13:1-7

1. Who are the authority figures we are to submit to in our life today? Who do you have authority over?
2. When was the last time you got a traffic ticket? How did you feel about the police officer?

Read Matthew 20:20-28

3. How does Jesus' teaching and example in this passage impact your thoughts about submitting to authority?

### MY STORY:

1. Think about a time when you engaged in conversations about another person that turned into a complaint or grumble. What did you do?
2. If you were to ask someone close to you to read this week's passage and share their observations about you, what would they say?



### DIGGING DEEPER

1. A challenging relationship with a person in authority can lead to frustration, especially when it may seem as if they are not deserving of it. Think about a time when you struggled with the thought of biblical submission to authority. How did you respond?
2. How can you show encouragement when faced with a situation where a person in authority's weakness is more visible than their strength? (i.e. a politician, a principal, a boss or parent)

### ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY (Optional)

Read Exodus 1:17, Daniel 2:21, 3:16-18, 4:32, Luke 20:19-26, Romans 13:7, Acts 5:29

1. After reading the verses above, what is the biblical position on submitting to authority?
  - a. What is the cost for submitting to authorities?
  - b. Is there a cost for standing up in faith against authority?

