

SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ☀ **With the coming election and all the hubbub about government, what kind of feelings have you had toward these appointed civil officials?** I'm not asking about your party line or personal convictions on issues, I'm asking about your feelings toward the governing authorities God has put in place (will put in place). Do you have a heart of submission? Do you have a zeal to obey from the heart? Or are you struggling with the sins of rebellion and resentment? How can you cultivate a right heart over the course of these next 16 days and beyond (regardless of who takes office)?
- ☀ **Take a look at (1Tim. 2:1-2)** *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions..."* Write down the name of your Mayor, Senators, Congressmen, Governor, President and Vice President (look them up online if you don't know who they are). Now pray for them, and perhaps make it a new habit.
- ☀ **What kind of un-submissive, disrespectful, dishonoring behavior, words, or thoughts toward governing authorities do you need to repent of?** How would your family, friends, or spouse characterize your relationship towards God appointed government? What needs to change?
- ☀ **Submission to government means practical things like paying taxes, revenue, respect, and honor (Romans 13:7).** Are you willing to obey God in these matters?

We must do more than tolerate government as though it were a necessary evil. We must show honor and respect because it is divinely appointed by God for our good. May the Lord forgive our rebel hearts that refuse to submit. May he expose our sinful attempts to excuse our insubordination. May he give renew our minds and transform our lives such that we have a zeal to submit to our God given authorities. May we remember to pray for them as Scripture commands.

With Gospel Grace,
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