

Small Group Questions – The Week of February 5, 2017

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:13-17

1. What does it mean to “be subject” or to “submit” to every human institution?
2. Why should we submit to the governing authorities (see Romans 13:1-7 also)?
3. Who are the authorities God has placed in your life?
4. To whom is it difficult for you to submit? Why?
5. When the authorities arrested Jesus, how did Peter respond (see Luke 22:47-51)?
6. When a servant girl confronted Peter about his connection to Jesus, how did he respond (Luke 22:54-57)?
7. In relating to civil authorities, how are you tempted to lash out or blend in?
8. What might it look like to submit *and* resist the civil authorities in a way that honors the Lord (see Acts 4:19-20).
9. Why does Peter say that we submit “for the Lord’s sake”?
10. Can you think of a situation in which your leaders acted unjustly?
According to Peter, what is a Christian response?
11. How does Peter say we are to use our freedom?
How are you giving up your freedom to serve God?
12. How does Jesus give us the pattern and the power to submit and resist?