

## Submitting to Authority ...Romans 13:1-7

*"Submission is not about authority and it is not obedience; it is all about relationships of love and respect." Wm. Paul Young*

### 1. Reasons for submitting to authority...

Scripture... *Romans, 13:1-2, Acts 5:29, Colossians 3:18, James 4:7*

- \_\_\_\_\_ is following orders, commands or instructions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is yielding to power or authority.

### 2. How do we get rid of our fear of the government authorities?

Scripture... *Romans 13:3, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 2:13-17, Ephesians 5:21*

### 3. There are times when a Christian should disobey government authority...

Scripture... *Acts 5:29, Daniel 3:12-18*

### 4. How does our current political climate drive you to prayer?

Scripture... *1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Peter 2:17, Jeremiah 29:7, 2 Chronicles 7:14*

- When was the last time you prayed for the other team?

# Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. **READ 1 Peter 3:5-6** ...What command do you find in Romans 13:1-4? What are the two reasons Paul gives in support of this command?

...*Explain Why?*

- Are there exceptions to this command? If so, what is the exception (See the following verses)
  - Exodus 1:17,21
  - Esther 4:16
  - Daniel 3:12-18
  - Acts 5:29
  - Hebrews 11:23

3. **READ Romans 13:7** ... What does Paul say about all the preferential treatment the government might expect?

4. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)