

A Higher Authority

1 Pet. 2.13-17

Focus: on honoring and presenting God by submitting to human authorities as unto God.

RESOURCES:

Here are 2 helpful resources on our text:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/11-submission-civil-authorities-1-peter-213-17>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/submit-to-laws-for-the-lords-sake>



Here is the link to the 1 Peter personal study guide:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7d495f89f8a10ee02758a05be/files/241be423-12f7-4d00-aaf6-7455a725ea4f/1_Peter_Personal_Study.pdf?utm_source=All+Church+North+Wake&utm_campaign=7da39571c5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_11_02_31&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_42ae59d660-7da39571c5-393516393

Discussion:

- Read over our passage aloud together. Why do you think this theme of submission matters so much to Peter? (see the theme of submission in 2.13, 15; 3.1; 5.5)
- What is your reaction to his call to submit to authority even when it is undeserving (like emperor Nero)? What makes this hard for you to do? How do you see v. 15 playing out in our lives?
- How can you keep the honor of God before you when you are called to obey human authorities?
- What authorities are you under that it is hard for you to submit to? How did you self-assess in light of v. 17?
- Don't forget to encourage your group to use the 1 Peter study guide *before* they come to group each week! See the Resource sidebar for the link. Sharing from that sheet may shape or even replace how you use these questions!

2019 Spiritual Priority for NW

Bumper Sticker: Worth It!

- **Key Words:** Hope/Heaven
- **Full statement of priority:** to help us more fully grasp the joy and wonder of eternity with God such that we are increasingly:
 - Daily mindful of the heavenly hope that is ours in Christ
 - Willing to persevere in hardship and suffering in light of our hope
 - Eager to offer this hope to the people God has placed in our lives
- **Key verse:**
 - Romans 8.18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
 - cf. also Matt. 5.10-12; 2 Cor. 4.16-18; Heb. 10.32-36; 1 Pet. 4.12-14
- **Prayer:**
 - pray that we would grasp the awesome hope of eternal life with God!
 - pray that our vision of heaven (and all that is associated with it) will make our present suffering worth it all such that we would persevere in loving obedience to Christ
 - pray that we would be all the more eager to share the hope of eternity with our friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and all those God puts in our lives that don't have this hope!