

LEADERS

In May we will have a new system for people finding small groups at Doxa. More info will be coming out on Friday April 30th to explain the new process

LEARN

Read Romans 13:1-7 together. What stands out in the text or from Sunday's sermon that is helpful, encouraging or challenging?

What is something you learn in these verses about the God-ordained purpose and limits given to human authorities?

(Ex: Governing authorities are ordained by God and limited by bounds he sets. Our attitude is willing subjection, to the extent God requires within their limits.)

Why is it essential that "good and evil" are defined by God's Word and not a government? What place does the church have in voicing God's definition of good and evil?

(Ex: If not bound by God's Word, good/evil will shift and change with new leaders, or movements, and inevitably pervert the good and justify the evil. Church is a prophetic voice reminding human authorities of foundations of Truth of God's authority over all things.)

"Politics is legislated morality". What does this mean and why should we keep this in mind when discussing the best source of making laws to govern a nation?

(Ex: It's not whether you have a moral code, but which you adopt. Politics is not neutral and we do want God's Word to influence the creation of just laws and elimination of unjust laws.)

PRACTICE

How do you personally process through the complex issue of when to disobey (or even consider disobeying) the governing authorities? By what standard should we make that decision?

Have you been guilty of resisting even the notion of governing authorities being ordained by God? How does a person correct this resistance biblically?

(Ex: Submit to God's will and Word, even in hard places, to bring him glory. We may resist all forms of authority, even God's, which needs to be confessed and repented of.)

How can we as Christians demonstrate that we are subject to governing authorities in a way that honors God, even if we disagree with and disobey certain ungodly policies and laws?

(Ex: Focus on living our lives for God's glory comprehensively. Be the best neighbors and citizens because of God's calling up on our lives to subject ourselves to his will.)

CHANGE

Martin Lloyd Jones wrote "Whatever your view of the state, you must never allow it to affect your relationship with other Christians." How can you be someone that strives to promote unity amongst Christians even when you have political disagreements with one another?