

# Bible Study and Discussion Questions

## **1 Peter 2:13-17**

(week of Oct. 11, 2015)

### **Opening Question**

1. Politics is often an emotionally-charged subject. Why do you think this is?

### **Questions for Study and Understanding**

2. Read 1 Peter 2:9-12, the section just before our passage. What is Peter talking about here, and how does it prepare us for the message of our passage (vv. 13-17)?
3. As Peter applies 2:9-12 to the subject of government in 2:13-17, how broad is the scope of authorities we are to be subject to?
4. What is the purpose of human governing authorities as Peter describes it here?
5. What basis or motivation does Peter offer for why we should be subject to every human institution?
6. Is there a limit to our obedience to the government? What guidance does Peter offer for when the government opposes or oppresses Christians for their faith? (see also 2:20-25)

### **Questions for Reflection and Application**

7. When it comes to politics, do you find yourself inclined to criticize at a safe distance, to get involved, to avoid them all together, or somewhere in between?
8. What is the basis or motivation for your general posture to politics (what you described in #7)? How does that line up with the basis and motivation Peter describes here (#5 above)?
9. What general guidelines for political engagement can we draw from this passage? Test those guidelines on a current political question and discuss what you learn.