

*God and Government*

Romans 13:1-7

October 6, 2016

1. The apostle Paul mentions that all government authority derives from God himself (Rom. 13:1). Why is it difficult to see all authority as coming from God? How do you think God feels about governing authorities that misuse their power?
2. Pastor Jim mentioned that our presidential candidates this year represent the moral condition of a majority of America. Do you tend to agree or disagree with this statement? How so?
3. Read Romans 13:3-4. What are God's two roles for government? How are both of these roles necessary and good for society?
4. Paul tells us that we must submit to government authority. What does this look like practically? How does this go terribly wrong at times? When should we *not* obey the government?
5. Read Romans 13:7. Why should we respect people who work for the government even though we may sharply disagree with them? How can we practically honor those in government authority who are doing an outstanding job of serving the people of their city or country?
6. Take time to pray with your group. Pray for all of our elected officials, our country, and the upcoming presidential election. Considering honoring someone you may know in a local or federal position that has done an outstanding job in his or her position. Take heart in knowing that God is still sovereign over all of creation despite who may be our next president.