

NEXT STEPS:

CONNECT: Pray For Your Government: *Spend some time praying for your country and elected officials.*

GROW: Educate Yourself: *Take some time to read and understand the values of various candidates, propositions & laws that you have the privilege to influence with your vote as a citizen of the Kingdom.*

SERVE: BE A Good Citizen: *Ask a neighbor this week if there is one thing that you could pray from about, and pray for them.*

REFLECTION / LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Read Romans 13:1-14

- *How similar is your attitude toward authorities to the one Paul presents in this text?*
- *Do you tend to have to high a view, or to low a view, of the authorities God has established over you?*
- *Do you believe God is able to accomplish his will in your life through those he has placed in authority over you?*
- *How are you giving your authorities what they deserve; your calm, qualified respect?*
- *How can you and your church be a blessing to your city or area? (Put another way: If you or your church disappeared tonight would the community around you notice?)*
- *How has this passage changed the way you view your government?*
- *What would you change in your day today if you made intentional decisions in light of your eternity?*



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Wave Women's Retreat ~ Sept. 23-25

We are so excited to offer our 2nd annual Women's Retreat! We are headed to Murrieta Hot Springs Conference Center for two nights. Join us as special guest speaker, Stefanie Kelly, encourages us in the word and in worship. Cost: \$200. For more information or to sign up please fill out a connection card and write "women's retreat" in the notes.

NEW RELATIONSHIPS: AS CITIZENS OF THE STATE

Romans 13:1-14

ALL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS HOLD DUAL CITIZENSHIP:

TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN & THE KINGDOM OF EARTH

HOW TO LIVE AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN UNDER HUMAN GOVERNMENTS?

Romans 13:1-4 *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN I AM TO SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY GOD HAS PLACED OVER ME

TWO REASONS WE SUBMIT:

1. WHEN I SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OVER ME I SUBMIT TO GOD

- **Submission:** *Believing that God is able to accomplish his will in my life through those he has placed in authority over me.*

2. GOD HAS GIVEN AUTHORITY TO GOVERNMENT FOR MY GOOD

- **Authority:** *RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE. Someone who has the right or privilege to make a decision that affects another life.*

THE STATE'S DIVINE JOB DESCRIPTION:

- TO REWARD THE RIGHTEOUS
- TO PUNISH THE WICKED

Romans 13:5-7 ⁵ *Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.*

AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN I AM TO SUBMIT TO JESUS AS MY KING FIRST & GOVERNMENT SECOND

- **Acts 5:29** *"We must obey God rather than men."*

Romans 13:8-10 ⁸ *Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN I AM TO LIVE AS PART OF SOCIETY

- **Jeremiah 29:5-7** ⁵ *Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Romans 13:11-14 ¹¹ *Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN I AM TO LIVE IN VIEW OF MY ETERNAL HOME