



# Under God

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## **DISCUSS**

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- Have you thought about why the government's role is important in maintaining order and justice in society?
- How can we show respect and submission to our governing authorities while still standing up for our faith in the face of unjust policies?
- How can the power of the Gospel impact governmental institutions?
- How can we, as individuals, contribute to upholding justice and promoting good in our own lives and communities?
- How can we identify whether we are using God's perspective or a humanist perspective when decision-making in our own lives?
- What are some practical ways we can share our faith with others and actively influence our society with the Gospel?

## **DISCUSS CONTINUED**

- In what ways can Christians stand up for their faith in the face of government decisions that oppose God's commands?
- Can you think of a situation where you might need to stand up for your faith in the face of government decisions? How would you handle it?

## **PRAYER**

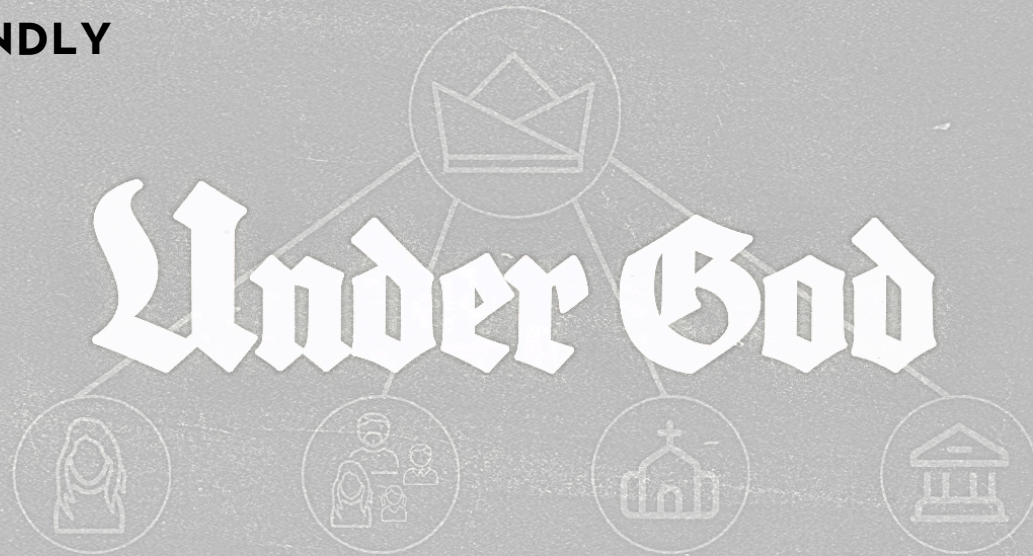
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- Pray for discernment and wisdom to recognize areas in our lives where we have chosen to be a law unto ourselves, and ask for God's grace to submit to His authority.
- Pray for the courage to stand up for our faith in the face of opposition or conflicting government commands, and for God's protection and guidance in these situations.
- Pray for our governing leaders, asking God to soften their hearts and minds, and for His truth to prevail in their decision-making.

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