



# GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of March 15th)

## TOUGH TOPICS - WE THE PEOPLE

### LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Pick a verse to memorize.

### ICEBREAKER

What fictional world do you wish you could live in or visit?

### BOTTOM LINE

Government is an ordained servant to stabilize society.

### MAIN SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:1-7

### ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

1 Peter 2:13-17

Hebrews 13:17

Titus 3:1-2

Matthew 22:21

### RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from Crossway titled "Should Christians Always Submit to Government?"

Watch this [video](#) from N.T. Wright titled "Should Christians submit to governing authorities?"

### GRACE EVENTS

<https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/>

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Introductory

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. As a child or student, what was a really hard rule for you to follow and why?
3. Do you tend to follow politics closely or keep some distance from it? Why or why not?

### Scripture

4. Read Romans 13:1-7. What does God say about government in this passage?  
(Leaders: think commands, truths, etc.)
5. How should this passage challenge and/or shape your view of government and authority as a follower of Christ?
6. Why does God call believers to submit to governing authorities? What's the difference between submitting and agreeing?
7. Are there any biblical examples of when you should not submit to government authority? What's the common thread?  
(Leaders: *sinning against God is the only acceptable reason to defy authority.*)

### Application

8. What does it practically look like for Christians to show honor and respect toward governing authorities today? Especially when you don't agree?
9. It was said in this weekend's message that "A Christians identity in Christ must overshadow one's identity in politics." What mindset shift has to happen in your life to make this true?