

What Does the Bible Say About...Government?

Getting started:

- When it comes to talking about government and politics, where do you stand? Do you enjoy it, put up with it or avoid it?
- If you could change one thing about politics/government, what would it be?

Digging in:

1. Read Psalm 22:28 and Proverbs 21:1. How do these help when seeing the big picture of government? How might they help in this next round of elections?
2. Read Romans 13:1-7. What do you see in this passage as the purposes of the government?
3. What types of current day issues should the federal government be concerned with according to Romans 13?
4. Why does Paul say we are to submit to governing authorities?
5. Compare Romans 13:1-7 to Acts 5:27-32. What is the difference? What principles do you find for helping you to deal with authority?
6. What types of issues might force you to go against governing authorities?
7. What are the various governing authorities in your life? How have you related to them and how can you do better?
8. Using Romans 13:1-7 and Romans 13:8-10, how does God want us to relate to those people in authority that we don't agree with, value their opinion and hold an opposing worldview? Explain how this could be a powerful testimony.

Taking it home:

9. How can you honor and respect governing authorities this week?
10. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. What types of things should we be praying for? What will you pray for this week?