

**Faith that Freely Submits**  
**Sermon Based Discussion (January 31, 2016)**  
**Living Faith, 1 Peter, part 2**

**WARM UP**

1. You'll need to stand up for this one... Are you, in general, more likely to follow the rules or to "be a rebel"? Designate different parts of the room for each group of people. Have people go stand/sit in those parts of the room. When they get there, share about an experience about following the rules or being a rebel.

*If you said you were more likely to "be a rebel", and yet you followed the instructions on the last question, then you're a liar! Just kidding.*

*But really, some of us seem more wired to stay in line with the rest. Others of us seem more wired to just buck the trends. While there may be appropriate times for each, the Bible describes how submitting to authority is, typically, how Jesus would have his followers do.*

**INTO THE BIBLE (Read 1 Peter 2:13-17)**

2. How do you think Christians in Peter's time would have felt being instructed to submit to human authorities, including the Roman emperor?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does Peter mean for believers to not use their freedom to cover up evil (v.16)? Have you observed this happen?

**UNDERSTANDING**

4. How is God glorified by a Christian submitting to human authority?

5. Does submitting to human authority mean that Christians obey every single human command unquestioningly? How does this passage fit with passages like Acts 4:5-22?

**DIFFERENCE**

6. What do you find challenging or distasteful about submitting to human authorities?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What is a specific situation you are facing in which this passage may apply to?

**APPLICATION**

8. If you were to live out this passage this coming week, what attitude or behavior would God have you address to do so?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How can this small group pray for you regarding this?