

Discussion Guide

Sincerely: wk5 Submission
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Big Idea

Submission honors God.

Icebreaker

So, we used the “s” word this week, *submit*. This word carries with it certain connotations and elicits certain feelings in people. When you hear the word, what does it mean to you? Also, in one word, what feeling does it elicit in you? REMINDER: If this word and/or your experience with it has been damaging and you need some healing, check out revivewesleyan.com/healing.

Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Peter 2:13-14. Per this verse, why should the Christian’s posture lean toward submission (for whose sake is it for)? What does this mean and why do think God says that it is important? When, and how can, giving up power be a good thing? Do you have a personal example where you have done this reluctantly but then realized that it was a good thing?
2. Read Acts 4:18-20. It was mentioned in the sermon that Christians are to observe human-made laws carefully *as long as they do not conflict with the clear teaching of Scripture*. How is that demonstrated in the Bible passage we just read? What do you think constitutes something being a *clear teaching of Scripture*? When you are reading the Bible what is wise to carefully do to determine if something is a *clear teaching of Scripture*; *what should you consider*? What are ways that we can confirm our own determination of this as we study Scripture?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:15-17. What are the benefits of living according to this Bible passage? Through living by its prescribed fashion, what is the worst that someone could honestly say about you? Can you live at peace with that, or would you still struggle? Read Jesus’ words in Matthew 5:11-12. How does this passage corroborate Peter’s words in 1 Peter?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:18-3:2. With the two examples that Peter shares here (Slave/Master & Wife/Husband) who is he claiming that submission honors? Whose example are we following in through our situational submission? Is this easy or difficult to do? Why? Is it always Biblical (refer back to the thoughts sparked with question 2)?
5. Let’s visit the key personal question with which we do well to wrestle that was presented in this sermon: *How do you respond (or react) when you feel powerless?* Is that appropriate based on God’s teaching to us through Peter? Is that appropriate in response to what Christ has done? Is it right to respond negatively to the concept of submission simply because it means a loss of power?

Concluding Question

Share an Observation &/or Application from your time engaging with this Sermon Series’ reading plan.

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 Prayer We have Begin Classes starting on 2/4 across our campuses. Pray that these settings to establish & solidify (grow) people in their faith will be effective, etc.