

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, May 1st 2016

The Gospel in Life | Living Under Authority (Rm 13:1-14)

1. Travis opened his message showing a great video from Rep. Rigell sharing his understanding of God's sovereignty over all political figures, rulers and nations. Why does it seem so easy to forget what he and Paul are expressing about God's authority?
2. Read Lk 7:1-10, how does Jesus connect the idea of submitting to authority to having great faith?
3. Where do you need to practice submitting to authority?
4. Read Dan 4:17 and Proverbs 21:1, how does your perspective need to change?
5. Since God used terrible events in the past to accomplish his will through his people (Jer. 29 1-7), what part of the world is God calling you to participate in?
6. How do you teach your children to obey authority, in a healthy way, when you *are* the authority?
7. Share an example of God using authority in your life to accomplish his good work when you maybe didn't see it in the moment.

ACTIVITY: Pray for the authority God has placed over this nation. Pray for the authority God has placed over this church.