

SERMON Q's

"Distinctive Citizens"

March 12, 2023

1 Peter 2:13-17

1. When you hear "be subject to ..." or "submit to ..." what emotions do you feel? Are you more guarded or eager? What do you think that shows us about our hearts' natural bents?

2. How would you explain to a child what it means to be subject "for the Lord's sake"? Do you usually think of your attitude toward civil authorities as having anything to do with God and his glory?

3. What would "doing good" (see 1 Peter 2:15) look like practically in your life? In what area might focusing on that over doing things your own way be the biggest struggle for you?

4. Will said the American Church tends to prefer the powerful over the beautiful. How have you seen that in our political engagement? How about in the church itself? How desperate are we for big "impact"?

5. What is distinctive about the freedom you enjoy, especially in light of the way Jesus used his freedom? What most amazes you about Jesus' distinctive submission, freedom, or relationships?

6. Who is someone it is very difficult for you to honor? How could someone pray for you to see your heart toward that person/those people change?

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