

# RIVERVIEW CHURCH

## HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

## Biblical Citizenship!

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## 1 Peter 2:13-17

**NOTES:**

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## QUESTION 1

How does the concept of being 'sojourners and exiles' in this world shape the way Christians should engage with government and cultural issues?

## QUESTION 2

Peter commands believers to submit to governing authorities 'for the Lord's sake.' What does this motivation reveal about the true nature of Christian obedience?

### QUESTION 3

When should Christians disobey human authority, and how do we discern when a government command conflicts with God's revealed will?

## QUESTION 4

Dietrich Bonhoeffer stated that 'silence in the face of evil is evil itself.' In what areas of our current culture might Christians be guilty of sinful silence?

## QUESTION 5

How can Christians distinguish between being politically partisan and standing for biblical righteousness when addressing cultural issues?

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What does it mean practically to 'live as people who are free' without using freedom as 'a cover-up for evil' in today's society?

The sermon mentions that God's permissive will allows evil governments to rise to power. How should this understanding affect our response to unjust leaders?

How can the church be a 'loving voice in the community' while simultaneously standing firm against cultural practices that contradict Scripture?

What biblical values should guide Christian voting, and how can believers become better informed about candidates and issues through a scriptural lens?

In what ways might fear prevent Christians from being exemplary citizens and witnesses, and how does understanding our ultimate allegiance to God's kingdom address this fear?

Romans 13:1; Acts 5:29; Matthew 22:21