



Milestone #4: What is My New Purpose?

Lesson 10 – Romans 13:1-7

Please read the scripture and watch the video first. Then use the questions below to begin your discussion of the message in your group.

Summary:

God is our ultimate authority. He has provided governing authorities here on earth. One way we submit to God's authority is to submit to those earthly authorities he has established. So if we rebel against those God has put in place to rule, then we rebel against God.

Definitions:

- **Authority** – the right or power within any given jurisdiction to make the rules and enforce them.
- **Submission** – the act of yielding willingly to another.

Ice Breaker Question:

- Are you more likely to file your taxes as soon as you receive your W-2s, or at midnight on April 15?

Discussion Questions:

- When was the last time you received a traffic ticket? How did you respond to the police officer? How did you feel inside?
- What's the difference between respecting authority and agreeing with the rules?
- How does our submission to earthly authority relate to our submission to God's authority? How can my attitude toward authority reflect my faith in God's sovereignty?
- Does submission to authority mean we obey blindly? Is there a reason to discern the extent of a person's authority?
- Do you obey the law because you fear the consequence if you don't, or because you wish to honor God?