

Sermon Supplement from September 28

“God and Government” – Romans 13:1-7

WARM UP

- Why do you think politics and government have become such divisive issues among Christians today?
- Why do you think many Christians struggle with the idea of submitting to governing authorities?

Dig In

Read Romans 13:1–7 and reflect on or discuss the following:

- What part of this passage do you find most difficult to accept? Why?
- What questions about God and government does this passage raise for you?
- How does this passage emphasize posture and heart attitude? Why is that significant?
- In what ways does God’s authority shape our understanding of human government?
- Is it ever appropriate for Christians to resist the government? If so, when and why?
- Can believers stand against government corruption while still maintaining a submissive spirit? How?
- How have you seen individual Christians or Christian groups mishandle this issue?
- What truths from this passage challenge your own approach to God and government?
- What insights from the sermon helped you better understand this topic?
- Were there points you disagreed with? How will you continue wrestling with those questions?

Wrap Up

- *What is the posture of your favorite political pundits?*
- *What does your political activity on social media say about your heart?*
- *Is it possible that we have as much hate in our hearts for them as they have for us?*
- *Are you looking to make a political point or a gospel difference?*
- *What can you do right now to STOP being part of the problem and START being part of the solution?*

Next Week’s Text – Romans 13:8-14

- **Read** – Read the text several times looking for key ideas.
- **Reflect** – What truths stand out to you? What challenges, convicts, or encourages?
- **Respond** – What is your response to what you just read?