

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message "Christian Citizens" from Romans 13:1-7.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you commonly hear people speak or tweet or write about politicians and government?
2. How did the lynch mob in the opening illustration break the commands we've heard in the past 3 sermons (Romans 12:9-21; Matt. 7:1-6; Romans 13:1-7)?
3. How do you feel about hearing governing authorities referred to as "God's servants"?
4. How can God authorize human governments when they can do such terrible things?
5. What would the world be like without any governing authorities?
6. How does the hope of Jesus' coming kingdom give comfort to people who currently face injustice?
7. Are there ways you need to change in order to show honor and respect to governing authorities?
8. Are there ways you are being called to courageously work for change within our governing system (see Ann and Jordan)?
9. Are there ways you are being called to resist or disobey an authority in order to obey God?

Quotes from the Message:

"One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?" The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all." Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law...I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law." - Martin Luther King Jr., [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#)

Announcement:

All are welcome at our [Good Friday](#) and [Easter](#) services on April 19 and April 21! If you'll need childcare for children age 1-5 for the Good Friday service, please email [SaraJane](#) by April 17.

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Rejoice - Dustin Kensrue and Stuart Townend

This I Believe - Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Rock of Ages - Thomas Hastings and Augustus Montague Toplady

Living Hope - Brian Johnson and Phil Wickham

Blessed Be Your Name - Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Only King Forever - Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye

Worship Leader: Ryan Holland

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Next week: The Five How's of Our Mission to the World; Romans 10:14-15