

notes from small group

prayer requests

SMALL GROUP

— *study guide* —



For sermon on Sunday, March 11, 2018

group discussion questions

1. What is the main point from Scripture as it was taught on Sunday
2. Are there any Study Questions from this week that you want to discuss?
3. What difference should this Scripture make in our lives today?
4. How Does God want your personal beliefs and actions to change based on this Scripture?
5. How can you plan to accomplish this change with God's grace this week? What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *ESV*

this month's memory verse

personal study questions

Romans 13:1-7 ESV

1. How should a Christian think and act towards police officers? Towards elected state officials? Towards the President?
2. Why is a right response to governing authorities often difficult?
3. How does this passage challenge us in the way we speak about governing authorities when we are with friends?
4. In what ways are governing officials “God’s servants”?
5. Is it right to criticize the actions and decisions of a governing official? If so, what principles help you remain faithful to God as you criticize? Share some specific examples.
6. Why is our response to civil authorities a part of our worship to God? How might we bring dishonor to the name of Jesus through our responses to civil authorities?
7. What special applications do we need to make in a culture of extreme disrespect for governing officials? Describe the applications you have made when President Obama was in office and the applications you make now that President Trump is in office?
8. What part does God play in putting individuals in places of governing authority? How do you square this with the fact that many of those individuals govern in a way that denies God and that harms people?
9. What do you think about capital punishment? Why do you have this view?
10. Does this passage give any biblical insight to the morality of capital punishment? If so, what insight is offered here?