

Authority: Belonging to God

Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6-8; 1Peter 2:13-17

Lesson Aim: To emphasize that obeying government is an act of submission to God's ordained order, provided the state does not command what God forbids.

Key Verse: Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's". And they were amazed at him. ~**Mark 12:17**

Concepts:

5. Christians are to be responsible citizens while prioritizing their faith above all else. (v.17)

Romans

6. All governing power originates from God; no authority exists apart from Him. (V.1)
7. Christians are to pay taxes and honor leaders because it's their God-given function. (Vv.6-7)
8. Love is the one debt we continually owe. (v.8)

1Peter

9. Honoring human institutions is part of our Christian witness. (Vv. 13-15)
10. Believers are called to live responsibly on earth while keeping their highest allegiance to God. (Vv. 16-17)