

Discussion Questions for 1 Peter 2:13-25

1. (v. 13-15) What does this passage say about the place of government and other authorities? (Compare Romans 13:1-7) How does our society generally feel about submission to authority?

2. (v. 16-18) How should your being a bond-slave (or, servant) of Christ affect your behavior? What motivates you to serve heartily?

3. What diminishes your motivation when you attempt to serve and submit? To what kinds of authority do you find it difficult to submit?

4. (v. 19-20) Peter asks, "For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience?" How would you answer that?

5. (v. 19-20) To endure suffering for doing good is called "commendable / gracious / finding favor". Can you think of particular examples that you have seen of unjust suffering and a commendable response?

6. How does the gospel change your attitude toward serving, submission, and authority?

7. (v. 21-25) For what purpose have you been called to Christ? How is Christ's suffering and death an example for us? Try to be specific in listing the ways.

8. As Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are to follow Him, where will His leading take us? Do you think you are prepared for that? Why or why not?