

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
1 Peter 2:13-17 – Subjects of the King

1. What do you like about our government? (Positives only!)

2. Why is it good to have a government?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

3. Why has God sent us emperors and governors?
4. Who does these jobs today?
5. Do you think Peter is talking just about governments today? Who else could Peter be instructing us to be subject to?
6. Peter is telling us to 'be subject', what do you think it means to 'be subject' to someone or something? What sort of things might you have to do?
7. Can you think of a time when you find it difficult to 'be subject' to our authorities?
8. What is the good that Peter is talking about? What will Christians doing good achieve?
9. Do you think there are limits to the extent to which we should submit to our government? (check Acts 4:19, Acts 12:1-11)
10. How could someone use their freedom as an excuse for doing the wrong thing?
11. If we still have to obey worldly authorities, what did Jesus set us free from?
12. How should this freedom help us to be subject to earthly institutions?
13. Verse 17 gives four simple instructions. How and why are they different from one another?
14. As we approach a federal election, how might these verses help us to think about how we might vote?
15. How might these verses help us know how to act the day after we vote?