

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Authority & the State

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Kings 21:1-19

'...the fight we are fighting is about who has authority over what...'

'...just because something is a good idea, it does not necessarily follow that anyone has the authority to enforce it, or that it should

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

What is sphere sovereignty?

What do we mean when we say the 'state'? If nationhood is not a creation institution, where did it come from?

What are some of the legitimate uses of authority of the state, and legitimate uses of taxes vs. 6?

What authority does a state actually have Col. 1:16? How is the state's authority limited?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Who is to submit to the appointed authorities vs. 1-2? What are the consequences of refusing submission?

In what areas of life should you submit to the state's authority?

When we consider that we must root out legalism in the church for complicating what does not need to be complicated; why do we tolerate legalism in culture?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

What are the boundaries or limits of our submission as Christians to the state's sphere of sovereignty?

What is the job description of the 'appointed authorities' (Romans 13:1;3-7)?

Who decides what "evil" and "righteous" are?

What should the response of the people of God be to a state that transgresses their sphere of authority?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you resist if what you are ordered to submit to is something that is evil, or if you are ordered not to do something which God has ordained as good?