



TRANSFORMED BY GOD

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WARM UP QUESTION: Who have you given the authority to speak into your life and what have been the results?

READ: Romans 13:1-2, 9

FOCUS: Our worship of God is revealed in how we respond to authority and social norms.

OBSERVE:

- As citizens of heaven, there is a different way we live, think, and express our allegiance to God and our worship of God. The gospel calls us to live differently, and to respond differently not because culture demands it - but because Christ has changed us. We worship God in response to the gospel.
- The gospel urges us to honor God by submitting to governing authorities and by loving and respecting our neighbors. Good and evil are not defined by society; they are defined by God. We don't just obey outwardly, we honor God inwardly.

DISCUSS:

- What did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention as you listened to the sermon and/or you discussed this study guide? Are you aligned inwardly to God's way of thinking?
- Do you follow social norms to determine how you live or submit to God's way of righteousness? Does your faith in God's way cause you to engage with others in loving ways?
- What are some ways you respond to governing authorities and do your methods provoke others to love and to do good works?

TAKE ACTION:

- Submit to God-given authority and love people. This is who we have become. Obey God rather than man. Our citizenship in heaven outweighs our earthly citizenship.

PRAY: *Heavenly Father, help us to walk under Your authority in all we think, say, and do. Help us to learn and to display how to honor You. Help us to fulfill the law by loving others. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*