

THE FORGOTTEN COMMAND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION 5 – LET FREEDOM RING!

Discussion Questions:

1. In 1 Peter 2:15-16, quoted in the introduction of Session 5, the Apostle Peter wrote, “For it is God’s will that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by doing good. Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God’s slaves.” What specific actions can Christians take during times of social turbulence (pandemics, racial tension, natural disasters, etc.) to “silence” those who criticize churches and the followers of Christ?
2. To say that God establishes all governments (or allows them to come to power) indicates that God is in total control and that His authority supersedes all governmental authorities. What does this mean for Christians? What should be our attitude toward the governing authorities?
3. It is stated in the video presentation that “the only person who needs to fear the law enforcement agency of a society (government) is the person who breaks the law. Rules and rulers are given to people by God for their *good*.” Is this always true? What should be our response when law enforcement officials might occasionally “overstep” their authority?
4. The video presentation points out that, because we live in a representative republic, it is our “moral obligation to pay our taxes” and it is, also, our “moral obligation to keep our government limited.” What other moral obligations do Christians have as we relate to our government and to our culture in general?

Personal Application:

Session 5 states that governing authorities are “servants” (some Bible translations use the word “ministers”). The Bible also teaches that all followers of Christ are to be servants (ministers). As a “minister of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ,” identify ways that you can personally serve others in your neighborhood or community. Think of ways you can serve church leaders, community leaders, law enforcement officials and first responders, as well as military personnel with whom you may have contact. Remember that serving others “in the Name of Jesus” means that our service is not all there is – serving “in the Name of Jesus” means that we use those opportunities of service to tell people about Jesus and how they can have a personal relationship with Him.

