



**Connection Group Participant Guide  
January 24, 2021**

**1 Peter 2:13-25**

**Memory Verse**

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. – 1 Peter 2:16

**Key Principles**

In this passage, we will learn why Christians should submit even to unjust authorities and see how they should be known for their submission. They should not be known for their complaining, arguing, or starting protests, but by the beauty of this submission. But how do we submit? Why do we submit? Peter tells us. It is for “the sake of the Lord” (v. 13). This is the reason that believers can demonstrate lives full of submission even in the midst of persecution. It is because they live a life of submission to the Lord. Peter says believers must submit because there is no authority except that which comes from God and to rebel against the authority is to rebel against God.

**Highlight**

Are there any human authorities to whom you readily submit? Are there any to whom it’s difficult for you to submit?

**Explain**

What “ignorance of foolish men” do you think Peter is referring to in v. 15?

**Apply**

In what areas do you need to be more submissive and respectful toward those in authority?

**Respond in Prayer**

- Adoration: Give God praise for the things that you see in this passage.
- Confession: Confess your known sins to God.
- Thanksgiving: Thank God for our government leaders and our nation.
- Supplication: Pray for those serving in government at the local, state, and national levels.