



Straight Talk about Christian Citizens

DISCUSSION STARTERS

You can use the following questions and statements in a variety of ways - in your LIFE group, around the family dinner table, or simply with friends over coffee - to help you understand the Bible better and apply it to your life.

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.” Titus 3:1-2

Paul lived in the very imperfect Roman Empire, yet he wrote Titus 3:1-2. Talk about maintaining a good attitude in a bad atmosphere.

List and discuss some of the blessings of life in our nation. Pause for a time of thanksgiving (by yourself, with family, or in your LIFE group) for those blessings.

Read 1 Cor 5:9-12, 1 Pt 2:11-12, 1 Jn 2:15, Js 4:4, 13-17, Jn 17:11-19. How should we interact with our culture. Withdraw? Ignore? Affirm? Reform? Attack?

What are some issues in our society and nation that cause you: Frustration? Disappointment? Anger? A certain law or ordinance? The tax rate? Government spending? How can you address issues without risking your Christian testimony?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7. Who is your favorite politician? Your *least* favorite? Have you prayed for *both* of them lately? How do you pray for them?

Read Philippians 3:20. Talk about our “dual citizenship”. What does it mean to be a good citizen in our earthly nation? In the Heavenly Kingdom?

Read Romans 13:1-7 and Proverbs 22:1. What do these verses say about the sovereignty of God in our nation, and our involvement in politics, culture, society?

Read Acts 4:18-20, 5:25-29, 40-42. When is it OK to disobey civil authorities?

Read Luke 7:1-10. T or F: One of the greatest tests of our faith in God is our submission to God-ordained authority on earth.

Read Matthew 22:15-22. What does it mean for us to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s? Is it harder to give Caesar what is his or to give God what is his?

