

Sunday AM Sermon – November 13, 2022

# Why Do I Have to Obey Authority?

*Ecclesiastes 8:2-10*



A parent brawls with an official after a game. A student refuses to follow his teacher's instructions. A citizen decides not to show up for jury duty. All examples of defying authority. What does the Teacher tell us disciples of Jesus about our relation to authority?



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

Authority –

Obey(ing) –

Disciples –

2. What did God reveal about Himself to King Saul?

3. What is authority?

4. What is ideally the role of people in authority?

5. Reason #1: Obeying authority \_\_\_\_\_

6. Why is submitting to lesser authorities so important?

7. Why would David not kill King Saul, even though it would have made his life easier?

8. Reason #2: Obeying authority \_\_\_\_\_ you from \_\_\_\_\_ you don't want

9. Why is important for children to be disciplined from an early age?

10. What are some consequences for defying authority?

11. Reason #3: Obeying authority is part of \_\_\_\_\_

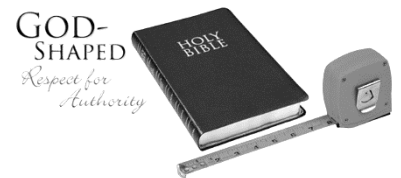
12. What did anarchy (the disregard for authority) look like during the heat of COVID?

13. Reason #4: Obeying authority supports \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in your life

14. What good does authority bring to our lives?

15. When human authority conflicts with God's authority, what do we do?

16. How should disciples of Jesus treat the authorities in our lives?



## Faith Talk, Faith Walk

*Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon*

**Faith Talk:** Which of the four reasons for obeying authority most resonates with you and why?

**Faith Walk:** Be intentional in obeying the authorities in your life, and if you haven't been, apologize.

*If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!*

Next Sunday AM Sermon – Every Time I Think of You (Philippians 1:3-11)