

Discussion Questions for 1 Peter 2:13-17

Who are some people (famous or ordinary) who have suffered for something in which they believed?

How do people in different countries view and treat their leaders differently?

What is your general attitude toward people in authority over you (bosses, parents, police, etc.)?

To whom did Peter urge his readers to submit themselves? Why? (2:13-14)

Why does God allow government? (2:14)

What effect does obedience to government have on many people? (2:15)

What did Peter tell his readers not to do with their freedom? (2:16)

What role does respect play in our interactions with authority? (2:17)

To what authorities or masters should we submit ourselves today?

Why is it so difficult to submit to people who have authority over us?

How would you paraphrase God's will as Peter described it?

When have you suffered under someone's harsh authority?

When have you suffered unjustly for Christ's sake?

What does it mean to fear God?

How might we use our freedom to cover up evil?

To what authority (person or institution) will you ask God to help you submit today?