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*1 Peter 2:13-25*

1. For the Lord's sake.

*Romans 12:1; Romans 13:1-2*

2. With all due respect.

Respect authority not because they deserve it but because God directs it.

*Matthew 16:24-26*

3. Submission is an exercise in self-control.

*1 Peter 2:21-25 (MSG)*

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## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### Consider:

Submission is an exercise in self-control to show respect to all authority, for the Lord's sake.

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Read 1 Peter 2:21-24. Make a list of circumstances Jesus faced. How are any of them alike, or different, from circumstances people face today?
- ▶ Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. Why should we submit to authority? What good could come from that?
- ▶ What does submission look like, or sound like?
- ▶ Read 1 Peter 2:19-20. How can we discern if it is a time to speak up or a time to be silent?

### Commit:

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Read Romans 12:1. How will your faith intersect with real life as a response to this verse?

### Care:

*Thank God for the highs mentioned earlier and remember the lows in prayer.*

Read 1 Peter 2:25. Ask God to reveal himself to his church once again as our Shepherd and the Guardian our of souls.