



The Week of December 27, 2020
iSubmit
Conversation Guide

Intro Questions

- Some people are easier to follow than others. Who is a leader in your life that is easy to follow and why? Who is not easy to follow and why?
- How has 2020 revealed about our trust or distrust of authorities?
- What feelings or thoughts does the word submission raise when you hear it?

Pride vs Submission

- Read 1 Peter 1:24
For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.
 - How does the world define submission?
 - Who, did Pastor Tommy say, defines submission?
 - How can pride derail appropriate submission?
 - According to Pastor Tommy, when we cry, “That’s not fair!” we should remember what Jesus endured for us and have a grateful heart that drives out our selfish desires. Recount what Jesus gave up for you and give Him thanks!

iSubmit to appropriate Authorities

- Read 1 Peter 2:13

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

- We submit to which civil authorities?
- Why does God send them?
- At what point do we not submit?

iSubmit in the Workplace

- Read 1 Peter 2:18

Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

- Is your submission dependent on whether you have a "good" or "bad" boss?
- Why is "reverent fear of God" tied to appropriate submission?
- Who are you working for ultimately?

iSubmit in the Home as a Wife

- Read 1 Peter 3:1-2

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

- What is the ultimate goal of a wife in submitting appropriately to her husband, especially if they are an unbeliever?
- What is the difference between the view that the world often holds that submission means being a "yes" person or a doormat for bad behavior verses the biblical view that husband and wife become one and complementary though submission as they follow their biblical roles?

iSubmit in the Home as a Husband

- Read 1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

- To be the servant leader in the marriage and home, who is the husband's direct report?
- Why did Peter put the emphasis on husbands being "considerate," or as some translations put it "understanding," when living with their wives?
- How does love and respect play a major role in a successful marriage? (see Ephesians 5:33)

iSubmit to Others to Honor God

- Read 1 Peter 5:5-6

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- Why does keeping our eyes on God and off how others are treating us free us from anxiety?
 - Why is it wise to let God exalt you in His time instead of trying to exalt yourself?
- Read Pastor Tommy's Conclusion

"That awful word - submission. We dread it. We run from it. We try to ignore it. But once we see the submission of Christ and realize we are called to live like that, submission goes from awful to filling us with awe. Because of the submissive example of Christ, my life will never be the same. How about you? Have you accepted the unfair gift of Jesus, that He would die in your place? You can this morning."

"Because of the example of Jesus and how He has changed my life, I want God to use my life to reach others. So I submit to Him, and allow Him to work in me, through me, and around me. What is your desire? Do you want your way, or will you give up your demands, and even your freedoms, so that God can use you to touch another life? Will you submit to God?"

 - Close with a prayer for God to make clear to each how they can appropriately submit, first to Him and then to others He has put in their lives.