

1. People have had issues with authority from the beginning (remember the Garden in Genesis 3?). Why do you think there are such issues?

2. Why is it important that we learn not simply *what* to think, but *how* to think Biblically as Christ followers? What happens if we stop at the *what*? How have you seen that played out in the church and in your life? How has the Bible informed your worldview? How should it as a Christ follower?

3. Read **Romans 13:1-7**

Paul leads with a pretty clear command, what is it? What reasons does he give for doing so? What is this important in our lives?

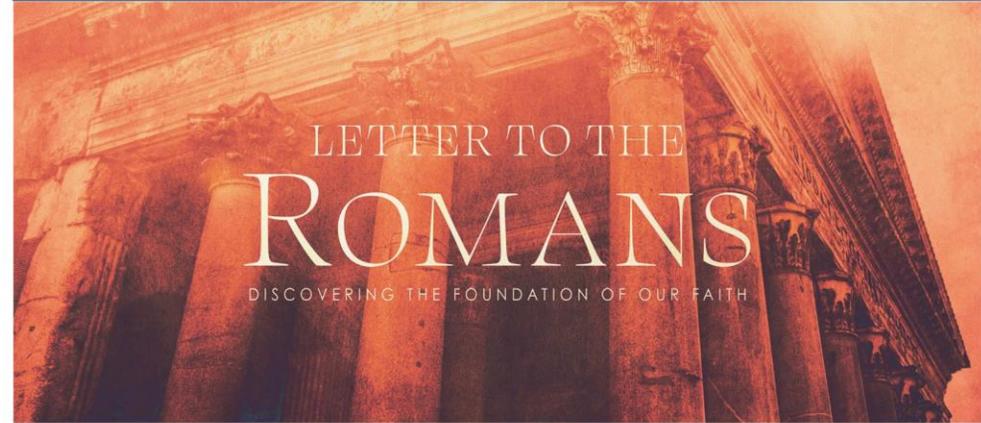
God has setup authority and submission to authority as a construct in our world. We see that in government and also in marriage (as an example). How is marriage setup in this way? Check out Ephesians 5:21-33. What does a healthy marriage look like as it honors God's decision for authority and submission to authority? What do you find interesting in verse 21? What significance does that have in the overall heart of a marriage in particular?

What does Paul say about how God leverages authority for His glory?

4. What do we do when the person(s) in power abuse that power or they are not in alignment with a Biblical worldview? We discussed the **Acts 5:29** principle, what is that? What does that look like in our lives?

When we are not in agreement or we're under a tyrannical leader, what do we do as Christ followers in response? Take some cues from **Jeremiah 29:4-7** and Daniel and his friends in **Daniel 1:12-13; 3:17-18; 6:10**

5. What is your next step when it comes to submitting to authority, walking in obedience to God, and trusting in God's control in our lives and world?



NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you. If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org!](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)

MESSAGE SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE:
ROMANS 13:1-7

NEXT SUNDAY:
ROMANS 13:8-10

WORSHIP ORDER

BATTLE BELONGS

WELCOME

GREETING

ALWAYS

JESUS PAID IT ALL

OFFERING

COME ALIVE

MESSAGE

I NEED YOU

SEND OFF AND PRAYER

CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class
Room 203

The Gospel According to John Study
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS - 6pm
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)
Kidstown (Age 4-5th Grade)

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study

THURSDAYS
7:00PM
Men's Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS
LIFE Groups
Real-Life Discipleship

NEXT STEPS

STARTING POINT LUNCH
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Today is the deadline to sign up in the Church Center App.

GET CONNECTED

333 W. Steels Corners Rd. | Cuyahoga Falls, Oh



UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to help@nbchurchcf.org.

The Care Team needs your help.

We need volunteers to occasionally fill empty slots on the Take Them a Meal program. No cooking necessary! You can purchase a meal from anywhere and have it delivered or deliver it yourself, e.g., Bob Evans, Boston Market, pizza, etc. Please contact Deb McGuinness, Meal Coordinator with your contact information at dmcg309@gmail.com

PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain, please contact **Marcia Peters** at care@nbchurchcf.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES needs

\$5 gift cards to McDonalds, Handels or DQ. Please see Kellie Sturm with any questions.

DRIVE-THRU DONUT CREW

Sign up in the Church Center App to help setup, serve donuts and coffee to the community this coming Wednesday! **Setup begins at 6am and we're open from 7-8:30am.**

STARTING POINT

New to Northampton? Please plan to attend our next lunch on **Sunday, Sept. 29, 12:30pm** to learn more about who we are, what we do and why we do it! **TODAY** is the deadline to sign up in the app or at nbchurchcf.org.

FILL THE CRIB

Help us fill a crib for Akron Pregnancy Services. They need Diapers (size 4 & 6) and ****NEW**** 2T-5T boy's and girl's clothes. Items will be collected through the month of September.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting donations for the upcoming **Packing Party scheduled for November 3** following the Morning Service. **Items needed:** Toothbrushes, Washcloths, Pens, Markers, Pencils, Books, Notepads and/or Coloring Books, Small toys, Yo-Yos, Musical Toys (harmonicas, flutes, Bells). **There is a donation box in the foyer.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

First Saturday of each month from 9am-10am in the Café. The study is based off the "52 Weeks in the Word."

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 20



Trunkers and Volunteers needed!

If interested, please sign up in the foyer or Church Center App. See Bethany Wlotzko with any questions.

MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

Passage: Romans 13:1-7

As a church, we don't want to simply teach you _____ to think, we want to teach you _____ to think.

Weltanschauung = _____

ULTIMATELY, we must remember that matter who's in _____, God's in _____.

When it comes to government (and those in authority):

1. _____ the authorities in place
2. God leverages authorities to bring about _____ in the world
3. Submit, trusting God is in _____, and live as good _____

The Acts 5:29 principle

One thing I can do that expresses obedience to God, love for people and trusting God control when it comes to authority in my live is: