

APPLICATION

- Is the way you respond to bad news regarding the government in line with God's will? If not, what do you need to do to change this attitude?

- Small things are often easy to ignore like following traffic rules or the proper disposal of trash. Identify the regulations that you find hard to follow. What can you do in the next week to start following them?

- List down at least two things you can do to support the government in its goal to maintain peace and order. Share this with a friend and commit to take action on it in the coming week.

PRAYER

- Pray that we will have the grace and faith to see God's authority upon our civil government. Pray that this will move us to follow rules and do our part in maintaining peace and order in our country.
- Intercede that the EN2010 Philippine Registration at 12 NN on March 1, 2010 will run smoothly. Pray grace and wisdom upon the TicketWorld staff and the EN2010 committee.

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WEEK 2

Why do we Need Civil Government?

Sermon Notes

Date: _____

Text: _____

Small Group Material

WARM-UP

- Share of a time when you were delegated with work. How were you able to accomplish the task?
- Have you ever led in a group or organization before? Tell of one thing that you did to encourage your group members to work with you.

WORD

¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. . .

⁴For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Romans 13:1,4

Civil government is God's intended vehicle for providing security, peace, order, and justice in the nation. The Apostle Paul expected the believers in Rome to submit to their governing authorities despite the fact that the ruling government at that time was unjust and persecuted Christians.

Following are three lessons we can learn from Paul's exhortation to the Romans:

1. God established and defined the limits of civil government (Romans 13:1).
2. We are commanded to submit to the authority of civil government (Romans 13:1).
3. The primary function of civil government is provide justice (Romans 13:4).

We can submit to any type of civil government because we understand that we are ultimately submitting to God's authority and believe that He is just and faithful.

Submission to civil authority is trusting God.
