

Authority

in a changing world

1 Peter 2v13-25

Sunday June 12th 2016

●Mind the gap

●Melt down

●The author of life

●Characters in his-story



● **The world's authority is from God (v13)**

● **Show proper respect to everyone:**

1. Live as free men

2. Live as God's servants

3. Live as God fearers

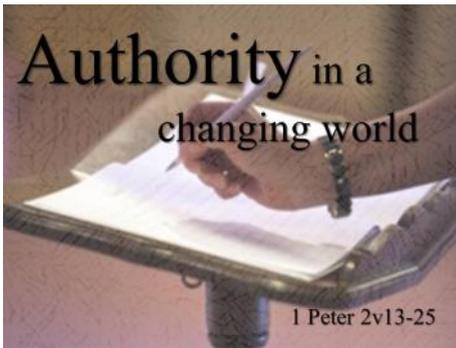
- **Called to be like the author of life... (v18-25)**

- **You killed the author of life (v22-25)**

- **God commends doing good and enduring (v18-21)**

Conversation starter:

What feelings does the word 'authority' bring to mind?



Discussion group questions

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- What most struck you, did you find hardest to understand and most surprised you from the talk?
- Read 1 Peter 2v13-17. From these verses, list what is God's role, the listeners role and the role of the authorities?
- How does the idea of 'submitting...to every authority instituted among men' feel? Why? What are the dangers and risks of doing this? Do the verses help us to wrestle with these dangers/risks?
- In what way do you think Peter means us to 'live as free men'?
- Think of an example of how we do each of the things in v17
- Read v18-25. Why is enduring suffering for doing good commendable? Does this come naturally? If not, what does?
- Is Jesus Christ really the example we want to follow? How do are answers to the above questions help us to answer this?
- How are we to understand God's authority from v23-25?

At Work

- How 'conscious of God'(v19) are you when around your boss (whether they are 'good, considerate or harsh')?

Dig Deeper

- If we were in a really unjust, oppressive and anti-Christian regime, what might be the application of these verses

Pray for those for whom submission to the authorities over them is a real issue. Pray for persecuted believers and those currently oppressed by IS.