



Whose Rights Are Right?

Part 5 – How To Lay Down My Rights

Study Guide

When rights collide, someone has to decide whose rights are right. This is easy to navigate when it seems obvious someone else is wrong, but what do we do when the tables turn, and we are told that we are wrong? How do we live in a society where, as Christians, we are increasingly told that exercising our rights impedes the rights of others? In this study, we will talk about how to have conversations with people who threaten our rights, even to the point of persecution.

1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt attacked because of your beliefs or choices? What happened? How did you respond?

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” - 1 Peter 2:10 (ESV)

2. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-11.** In what ways does knowing we are God's people change the way we view our own rights and how we exercise them with others?

“Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink.” - Daniel 1:12 (ESV)

3. **Read 1 Peter 2:13-17.** What does it look like to submit to our authorities? How can we honor those that we may not even think are honorable?

4. **Read Daniel 3:8-30.** Discuss the dynamics of this event. Why did they refuse to submit in this case? How did they go about it? What similar situations might you face and how can you respond?

5. How has this series impacted you personally? Have you had any changes of mind or heart? How has it changed the way you interact with other people or with God?