

Citizenship – Rights and Duties

Questions?



1. As members of a family, how do we depend on each other?
2. Is well-being of each individual in a family connected to each other?
3. Is well-being of each individual in a group connected to each other?
i.e. – friends circle, sports team.

3 minutes

Rom 13:1-2

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God..... Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed.

State (Definition)

People of many families come together and form larger societies. These societies are called a State. It could also be defined through geographic boundaries.

What would happen if we break the following rules?

1. Drive a car at 140 kmph in the lane next to the Church or on the Gulf Road.....
2. Harass or assault someone in public.....
3. Pass racial comments to another person.....
4. Walk around Kuwait with a Gun in your hand.....

Jesus tells us

Give to God what is God's,

and to Caesar (the state)

what is Caesar's

Which type of government is better?

- Autocratic
- Democratic
- Monarchic

- Just Laws
- Promote and Preserve the welfare of the society

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment”

Rom 13:1-2

As Christians, we must

- Obey Laws and regulations
- Pay taxes to support the government
- When necessary, defend the nation from attack

Patriotism

.....is a virtue of love for one's country.

.....dedication to the promotion of true welfare of the country and its citizens

Unjust Laws?

- What unjust laws do we have in society nowadays?
- What should we as Christians do?



Group Discussions

The Church Accepts people who are Gay, but does not approve of their acts of marriage in same gender.

In our Catholic Church, we do not support Abortion and Contraception even if the state authorities make it legal.

How do we as Catholics work towards overturning such laws and practices?

“Better for us to
Obey God than
men”

Acts 5:29

Across Boundaries

As Christians, we must.....

- Be concerned for others
- Support Human rights – Food, Shelter
- Reduce Poverty
- Support Freedom
- Influence and Encourage our countries to support poorer sections and countries.

Above all

We must pray
for our country
and its leaders