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## MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

### FOR Seymour Week 2

#### ICE-BREAKER:

Have you ever been afraid of law enforcement? What were the circumstances?

#### DISCUSS:

How would it change the narrative in our nation right now if **everyone** would just decide to do what's right?

What are some ways we can build bridges of hope rather than walls of hatred and violence?

**READ:** *"For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong."*

**- Romans 13:3-4 (NLT2)**

What is the Christian's responsibility to those who are tasked with enforcing the law?

What positive support should Christians give to those who are in authority?

#### APPLY:

Are there circumstances where a Christian should disobey the clear commands of a government authority?

Which government official or law enforcement officer can you write to or talk to this week to express support or offer assistance?

Please make time for your group to pray for our national, state, and local government officials.