

Why Obey?

Matthew 5-7 - *John Richardson*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Do you tend to be a rule follower or do you tend to challenge rules and instructions? How has this helped you and how has it harmed you in your life?
- 2) Why is obeying God important to you?
- 3) Read Matthew 7:24-27. What are the benefits of obedience that we can draw from these verses?
- 4) Read 1 John 5:1-5. How does obedience demonstrate our love for God? Why is this important?
- 5) Is obedience difficult? If so, how? If not, why not? How can it be less difficult?
- 6) Read Proverbs 4:13. In what way are God's instructions the key to life?
- 7) Does obedience make life easier?
- 8) How should we reconcile the path of suffering that sometimes accompanies the path of obedience?
- 9) Read Proverbs 16:20. Discuss the relationship of trust to obedience.
- 10) Where do you face the biggest challenge in the area of obedience? (attitude, actions, speech, relationships...) Pray for one another in these areas.