

## **God's Got My Back—Government Study Questions**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

## **God's Got My Back—Government**

### **Series: God's Got My Back**

*Sunday November 6, 2016*

**Q: What are some of the sources of stress in your neighbor's life?**

*"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*  
*Philippians 4:6 ESV*

**Stress**— *a state of mental tension and worry caused by problems in your life, work, etc. Something that causes strong feelings of worry or anxiety*

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on."*  
*Luke 12:22 ESV*

*And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."*  
*Luke 12:29–31 ESV*

### **God Has Already Determined the Election Outcome**

*"till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will."*  
*Daniel 4:25 ESV*

## **Three Truths about My Government**

### **1. God Created the Institution of Government**

*“For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”*  
*Romans 13:1 ESV*

### **2. My Ruler is God’s Minister**

*“for the authorities are ministers of God,”*  
*Romans 13:6b ESV*

*“for he is God’s servant for your good... For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.”*  
*Romans 13:4 ESV*

### **3. I Have Nothing to Fear (If I Do Good)**

*“For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,”*  
*Romans 13:3 ESV*

## **What Does God Expect From Me**

### **1. Be a Good Citizen**

*“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.”*  
*Romans 13:1a ESV*

### **2. Fulfill My Obligations**

*“Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience.”*  
*Romans 13:5 ESV*

*“Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.”*  
*Romans 13:7 ESV*

## **Pay My Taxes and Revenue**

## **Pay Respect and Honor**

## **My Responses this Election Season**

### **1. Become a Follower of Jesus**

*“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”*  
*John 3:36 ESV*

### **2. Pray**

*“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*  
*Philippians 4:6 ESV*

### **3. Embrace My True Citizenship**

*“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,”*  
*Philippians 3:20 ESV*

### **4. Live For Jesus Now**

*“Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.”*  
*Luke 12: 31b ESV*