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“DUAL CITIZENSHIP” OGCF Sept. 19, 2021

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[#3] Remember, our most important **Allegiance** is to our “Heavenly Homeland (Heb. 11)!”
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What can you do to better set your mind on heavenly things?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) God would rather we love our enemies in hopes of winning them over (to Jesus), rather than fight our enemies in hopes of getting our way. Is there somebody you need to *fight less* and *love more*? If so, how can you better love this person?

- 8) There is coming a day when God establishes His kingdom. Read the following passage, then list anything God puts on your heart as you consider our fleeting world/kingdom vs God's kingdom.

Daniel 2:44 - "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

- 9) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for our governing authorities.
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Life Group Homework For the week of September 19, 2021

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) If you could add one, natural talent/ability to your life, what would it be and why? (Be able to sing, play guitar, speak a language, draw, etc...)

MY STORY

- 2) This week in Acts 25, Paul appealed to Caesar in order to get out of a *tight spot*. Can you think of a time where God rescued you from a *tight spot*? What happened?

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message in Acts 25? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week we talked about our "dual-citizenship" - that we are called to serve and obey our earthly authorities while maintaining our primary allegiance to Jesus, our Heavenly Authority. What stands out to you from the following passages from God's Word?

Hebrews 13:14 - "For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come."

John 17:15-16 - "[15] 'I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. [16] 'They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.'"

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - "[1] Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

Based on these passages, what is something you could be doing better?

What do you think Paul means by a "quiet and peaceable life" in the 1 Timothy passage?

Why do you think Paul desires this for us?

5) Whether or not we like the authority or government officials over us, what does the following Passage teach?

Romans 13:1-7 - "[1] Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. [2] Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. [4] For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid;

for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. [5] Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. [6] For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. [7] Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor."

How does this passage comfort or encourage you?

Why do you think God put this passage in Scripture? Why couldn't God have left this one out?

6) Read the following passage about our citizenship.

Philippians 3:18-21 - "[18] For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: [19] whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame--who set their mind on earthly things. [20] For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, [21] who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."

What are some things that tempt you to "set your mind on earthly things"?