



Week 8—Submission

When you first saw that this topic in the Deep Convictions book was going to be a week-long study, what were your initial thoughts or reactions?

How is this word generally perceived in our world? What thoughts did you have about it before becoming a disciple?

One of the most amazing passages in the New Testament occurs in **Philippians 2:1-11**. As a follower of Jesus, read carefully looking for his attitude and the heart. What do you see?

Looking at Jesus' life, we can learn what submission is not:

- ❖ a lack of conviction
- ❖ silence
- ❖ violating your conscience
- ❖ weakness or feelings of inferiority

We can also see what it is:

- ❖ surrender of self-interest
- ❖ yielding personal rights for the benefit of others and
- ❖ most of all, trusting God, but why is that true?

Discuss how submission is an attitude for life, not just for a situation when there's someone over you requiring something of you.

Acts 5:29

What is the principle that we find here that must always be a part of this discussion? How do you think we can refuse to submit but still have an overall submissive attitude?

Openly discuss any and all questions you have about submission, including any times you struggle with it. By the way: There are times when we all struggle with it. Pray together.