# Sojourn Baptist Church: A Series on Civil Government

The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrate & Just Thinking about the State

WEEK	DATE	Reading Schedule			
		Doctrine of Lesser Magistrate (DLM)			
		Just Thinking: about the state (JT)			Subject Discussion
		Chapters	Pages	#	
1	Sept 15th	DLM Preface, Ch 1-4	xi-20	(24)	Defining the Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrate
2	Sept 22nd	<b>DLM</b> Ch 5-8	21-46	(26)	The Standard for Law and Historical Examples
3	Sept 29th	<b>DLM</b> Ch 9-12	47-70	(24)	Higher & Lower Governors and the Governed
4	Oct 6th	JT Foreword-Ch 1	ix-26	(31)	Government
5	Oct 13th	<b>JT</b> Ch 2-3	27-58	(32)	Socialism & Capitalism
6	Oct 20th	<b>JT</b> Ch 4	59-72	(14)	Social Justice
7	Oct 27th	<b>JT</b> Ch 5-6	73-104	(32)	Abortion & BLM
8	Nov 3	<b>JT</b> Ch 7-8	105-138	(34)	Politics & Reparations
9	Nov 10	<b>JT</b> Ch 9	139-156	(18)	The Equality Act
10	Nov 17	<b>JT</b> Ch 10	157-182	(16)	Elections

A 10 Week Wednesday Night Bible Study and Discussion...

## **Brief Description:** The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrate

America has entered troubling times. The rule of law is crumbling. The massive expansion of Federal government power with its destructive laws and policies is of grave concern to many. But what can be done to quell the abuse of power by civil authority? Are unjust or immoral actions by the government simply to be accepted and their lawless commands obeyed? How do we know when the government has acted tyrannically? Which actions constitute proper and legitimate resistance?

The doctrine of the lesser magistrates is a historic tool that provides proven guidelines for proper and legitimate resistance to tyranny, often without causing any major upheaval in society. The doctrine teaches us how to rein in lawless acts by government and restore justice in our nation.

### Some Recommendations of Just Thinking: about the state

#### John MacArthur

These are voices the church of today desperately needs to hear and heed.

#### **Justin Peters**

They pull no punches and make no apologies in diagnosing the root problems our society faces.

#### Tom Ascol

Read this book and be encouraged, challenged, and instructed in the ways of Jesus Christ by two of His choicest servants.

### **Challenge:**

Read <u>The Doctrine of the Lesser Magistrate</u> & <u>Just Thinking: about the state</u> Come each Wednesday ready to contribute to group discussion.