

## **Bible Study on Christian Faith and Power**

### **Participant Assignment for Session 1**

#### **The Transformation of Power**

Read Revelation 5:1-14

### **Session 1: The Transformation of Power—**

#### **Revelation 5:1-14**

Tears, the Lion, and the Lamb

Singing a New Song

We Belong in the Message

Conclusion

### **Participant Assignment for Session 2**

#### **Money is Power**

Read Mark 10:17-31 and Luke 19:1-10

### **Session 2: Money is Power**

#### **Mark 10:17-31 and Luke 19:1-10**

The Paradigm

Transfiguration

The Paradigm Applied to the Church

A Counter Paradigm

### **Participant Assignment for Session 3**

#### **Christians, Government Authorities, and Context**

Read Romans 13:1-10

### **Session 3: Christians, Government Authorities, and Context**

#### **Romans 13:1-10**

Institutional Differences between Paul's Day and Ours

Paul's Pastoral Ethics in Romans

What Are the Limits of Christian Submission to the State?

### **Participant Assignment for Session 4**

#### **Christians, Government Authorities, and Obedience**

Read Revelation 13

**Session 4: Christians, Government Authorities, and Obedience—  
Revelation 13**

Rome: the Evil Empire

In Caesar We Trust?

Christians and Total Obedience to the State

**Participant Assignment for Session 5**

**Christians, Government Authorities, and Conflict**

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17, Mark 12:13-17, and Acts 5:17-42

**Session 5: Christians, Government Authorities, and Conflict1—  
Peter 2:13-17, Mark 12:13-17, and Acts 5:17-42**

Commitment to Christ Implies Freedom and Responsibility

Jesus Acknowledges Political Reality

Christians and Political Reality Today