

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE BIBLE AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT
Stand-Alone Sermon

ICEBREAKER: What's the best (or funniest) commercial you've ever seen?

OVERVIEW: We live in the most free and prosperous nation in the history of the world. But we are abandoning many of the first principles that got us here. One of those founding principles is limited government. The federal government today is massive in size, scope, and power, and there are many who would like to see it grow even bigger. In this study we will discuss the Biblical reasons for limited government, and what we can do to scale it back before it consumes everything.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Should the pastor preach about politics? Explain.
3. Should Christians be civically engaged? Explain.
4. Read Genesis 6:5-6. Why is it necessary that we have a government?

5. Read Romans 13:1-6. Who came up with the idea of government? Who does the government serve?
6. Read Romans 3:23. According to this verse, why is it necessary that the government be limited its power?
7. What are some other reasons that the government must be limited?
8. What are examples of boundaries that have been put in place to limit the government in both size and power?
9. What can we do to scale back the size of our massive federal government today?

The Last Word: "Sin is the main reason we need government and also the main reason to limit government." James Robison and Jay Richards