

# NEW HERE?



We'd love to get you connected!

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## Our Next Large Group Event:

### **JH/SH Pool Party**

June 26 | 8-10 pm

Mechanicsburg Pool



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## Sign up for a LifeGroup →



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If your family serves or attends a learning community during the 9 a.m. service and your student is not yet ready to serve, you may register them for our Student Sunday School class (grades 7-12)



# STUDENT SERMON NOTES


June 7, 2026

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## CAFE CONNECTION

Join us in the Student Cafe from 10:15 - 10:40 a.m. every Sunday for snacks, games, and connection between services!

At West Shore, we believe students benefit most on Sunday mornings from consistently worshipping with the whole body of Believers and learning to serve with the Spirit's Gifts.



## INTERACT WITH THE TEXT



Circle repeated words, underline important phrases, and draw arrows to connecting ideas.

### **Romans 13: 1-7 (1-5 below)**

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

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## UNDERSTAND THE TEXT



Read definitions of important words and concepts.

**“For he is the servant of God”** - *This doesn't necessarily mean that all government officials are or should be Christians. In ancient Rome, when Paul was writing this letter, that was certainly not the case. Rather, it means that even secular government (when used rightly) is a tool that God uses to carry out his good purposes - specifically for justice - in the world. Government “serves” God, not the other way around.*

## ANALYZE THE TEXT



Write what you don't want to forget.

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## APPLY THE TEXT



Ask these questions in the car ride home.

What is 1 thing you want to remember from this sermon?

Are there any “next steps” God might be calling you towards? Explain.