I. (FILL-IN) The STATE: Delegation of Authority and Submission (Romans 13)

a. “Everyone must **SUBMIT** himself to the governing authorities, for there is no **AUTHORITY** except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by **GOD**. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong...”

b. “Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s **SERVANT**, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing.”

c. Triune Delegation
   i. “After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him **AUTHORITY** over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.” (John 17:1-2)
   ii. “Then comes the end, when [Christ] delivers the kingdom to God the Father...For ‘God has put all things in **subjection** under his feet.’” (1 Cor. 15:24 & 27)
d. **Triune Subjection** (Titus 2 & 3; Rom. 13:7; 1 Peter 2:17)

   i. “When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made **SUBJECT** to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.” (1 Cor. 15:28)

   ii. Wives “subject” to their husbands

   People “subject” to their rulers

   Bondslaves “subject” to their masters

II. **(DISCUSSION & FILL-IN) The STATE: Purpose** (Romans 13)

   a. What is the purpose of Civil Authority?

      i. **Punish Evil**

      ii. **Condone Good**

   b. Why do policemen and soldiers wear uniforms and take oaths of office?

   “The policeman cannot bear the sword, the military man cannot bear the sword unless he has been properly delegated that authority by the one to whom God has properly delegated him that authority. That is why we wear badges and take oaths of office and wear uniforms…it signifies that proper delegation of authority to bear the sword”

   “The Civil Authority **must** know the basis for calling something **good** or **evil**”

   ![Image of the Basis of Civil Authority Diagram]

III. **(DISCUSSION & FILL-IN) The STATE: Whose Law?**

   a. What is law...how do we view law today?

   Laws are rules created by the authorities to punish evil and condone good to achieve an ethical norm that was established by God. Which makes the real question… “whose law and where does it come from”
“Because, if the state begins to decide that it is the source of the ethical norm than we will soon find ourselves in one of the most terrible situations of all because the state bears the sword.”

b. *Death by the State*

i. “Almost 170 million men, women and children have been shot, beaten, tortured, knifed, burned, starved, frozen, crushed or worked to death; buried alive, drowned, hung, bombed or killed in any other of a myriad of ways governments have inflicted death on unarmed, helpless citizens and foreigners.” (R.J. Rummel, “Death by Government)

ii. "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit **ATROCITIES**." (Voltaire)

IV. **(DISCUSSION & FILL-IN)** The **STATE**: Pathologies

a. Pride & Sphere Sovereignty (2 Chronicles 26)
b. Tyranny, Self-serving, Oppressive (1 Samuel 8)
c. The Rise of the State (Abraham Maslow, Carl Rogers, Humanistic Psychology)

i. What is the conflict…what is the problem?

Our problem is not an intellectual problem or conflict…it ends up being an ethical and moral problem or conflict.
The conflict is when God says “NO” to something we want to say “YES” to.
But, if we can get rid of objective truth (and God is objective truth), then it is okay for us to live any way I want to live…according to my preferences.
Therefore, God is the problem!!!

ii. “The Universal is to be found in the State...The State is the Divine Idea as it exists on earth...We must therefore **WORSHIP** the State as the manifestation of the Divine on earth, and consider that, if it is difficult to comprehend Nature, it is harder to grasp the
Essence of the State...the State is the march of God through the world...” (Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel—German philosopher: August 27, 1770 – November 14, 1831—Karl Barth described Hegel as a "Protestant Aquinas", while Maurice Merleau-Ponty wrote that "All the great philosophical ideas of the past century – the philosophies of Marx and Nietzsche, phenomenology, German existentialism, and psychoanalysis – had their beginnings in Hegel")

iii. “…No deity will save us; we must save ourselves.” (Humanist Manifesto II)

iv. “When a society rejects God, it will increasingly look for someone else to save them. That ‘savior’ often becomes the ‘king’…” (Hegel)

v. "We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached the turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to move toward the building of a world community in which all sectors of the human family can participate. Thus we look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government.” (Humanist Manifesto II)
V. (DISCUSSION) Where does our salvation come from...Who goes out before us?

a. “I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Ps. 121:1-2)

b. “The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.” (Ps. 37:39)

c. “But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."” (1 Samuel 8:19-20; cf. Exodus 32:1; Acts 7:40; Isaiah 52:12; Exodus 13:21)

d. Social Disorder & the Decline of a Culture
   i. Five attributes marked Rome at its end
      1. A mounting love of show and luxury [Concern with displaying affluence instead of building wealth;]
      2. An obsession with sex, including homosexuality [Obsession with sex and perversions of sex;]
      3. Freakishness in the arts, masquerading as originality, and enthusiasms pretending to be creativity [Art becomes freakish and sensationalistic instead of creative and original;]
      4. [Widening disparity between very rich and very poor;]
      5. An increased desire to live off the STATE [Increased demand to live off the state.]

VI. (DISCUSSION) Now What? (1 Samuel 8:7)

a. “Am I wanting the State to do something because it simply benefits me and I do not care if the State steals from someone else...for me [Social Security, Disability, Unemployment, etc...]?"

b. “Is that the biblical role of the state?”

c. “Is that crossing a boundary?”

d. “And when we begin to join those who begin to look at the State as the giver of all good things...do we then enter into partnership with the State, when it begins to violate God’s law?”