



Reflection – Please stand behind your chairs

Please give me the faith so that throughout this lesson and in every lesson I can persevere with my learning, have respect for others so that in this class and in every class, I achieve my full potential. Faith, respect, perseverance, achievement



Religion and the law

Can I identify religious views on the law?

Can I explain key teachings on the law?

Can I evaluate different denominations views on the law?

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The key questions that will guide our learning:

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Your response:

1.

2.

3.



Do Now

Is it ever ok to break the law?
Give 2 examples of when it is ok to break the law?

Stretch Task:



God's government or Man's government?



I: Teacher led

- Christians believe that there are God given laws e.g the 10 commandments and then there are man made laws which rule the world we live in.
- The Bible provides specific instructions for establishing earthly legal systems and God requires such systems to be orderly and fair.
- God expects our legal systems to hold individuals responsible for their actions and to work to restore God's order wherever possible.
- However ultimately it is God who will judge us on judgement day and hold us accountable for our actions.

Stretch Task:



So is it ever ok for a Christian to break the law?



KEEP
CALM
AND
TAKE
NOTES

We – Mastery Tasks

- Using the notes create a mind map to answer the question.

Stretch Task:



So is it ever ok for a Christian to break the law?



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We – Mastery Tasks

- Jesus said when asked about paying taxes "Give to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and to God what is God's" Mark 12:17 saying clearly to Christians that they should pay their taxes and follow the law of the land.
- "Let every soul, be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." (Romans 13:1)

Stretch Task:



So is it ever ok for a Christian to break the law?



We – Mastery Tasks

- Christians will follow the governing laws of a country as long as it does not lead to disobeying the law of God.
- Christians have believed it their duty to defy tyrannical regimes.
- First, all humanity is made in the image of God and so all human beings are sacred. Second, Jesus came as a human being to share our experiences and is honoured in the poor and deprived.
- So Christians have a duty to defend and provide for those in need
- Christians and others are prepared to break the law today where that is necessary to maintain the human rights of those in need.
- Christians will feel in some circumstances that they should assist those in hiding from the authorities, in order to prevent their removal to places which for them are not safe

Stretch Task:



Your views

Describe one situation where you would consider it ok to break the law and explain why.

One situation I think it would be ok to break the law is...
I think this because...

Stretch Task:



What would a Muslim /Christian say to these events?

- Rosa Parks broke the law by refusing to give up her seat to a white person during the American civil rights movement.
- Adolf Eichmann dutifully obeyed the laws of his country by carrying out the execution of Jews. After WWII, he was sentenced to death on the grounds that he was obligated to break German law, but did not

Stretch Task:



Explain religious beliefs about breaking the law in order to get a bad law changed. (4)

You – Independent Practice



Reason
Explain
Reason
Explain

Stretch Task:



Peer Assess

Level	Description	Mark
4	Two reasons explained	4
3	Two reasons with one explained	3
2	One reason explained or 2 reasons	2
1	One reason	1

Romans 13:1-7 requires Christians to obey the laws of the land because God has given them the authority to do so.

However Acts 5: 27-27 shows that when a government law is against the law of God, it may (and possibly should) be broken. – Christians follow the law of God, not the rules of men. This justifies breaking the law when it contradicts religious teaching. For example, breaking a law that discriminates against different races when religion teaches that all races are equal. Protest including violent protest, raises similar issues.

If a repressive government denies its people their human rights as laid down in scripture and makes public demonstrations of opposition illegal, then religious believers should consider breaking the law. They will, however, as citizens of the state be expecting the consequences that follow.

Stretch Task:



In today's lesson I have learnt

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