

## Slaves of God AND servants of society

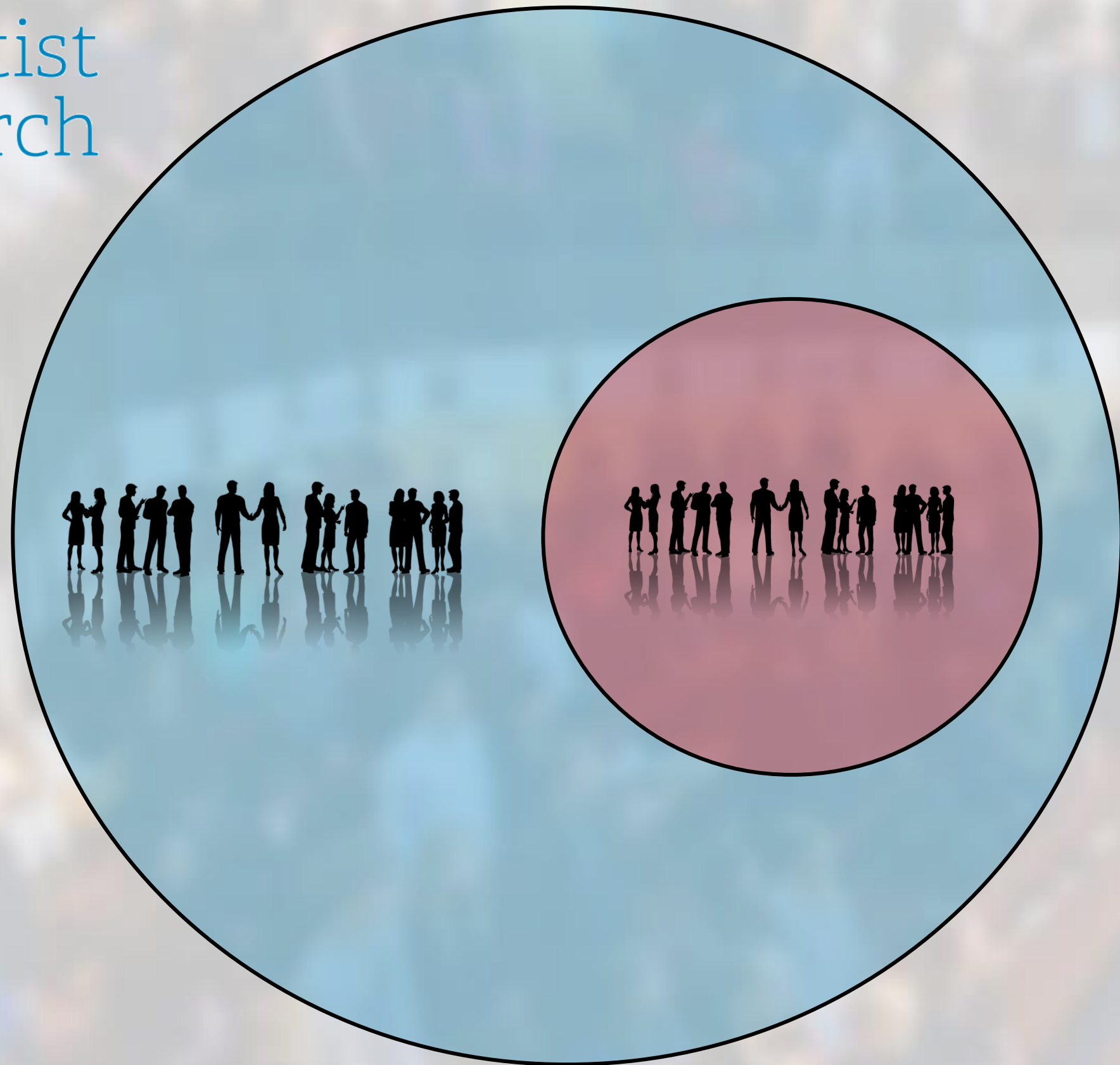
Slides from Julian Hardyman's sermon at the online morning service  
28 June 2020

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.

**1 Peter 2:13-17**

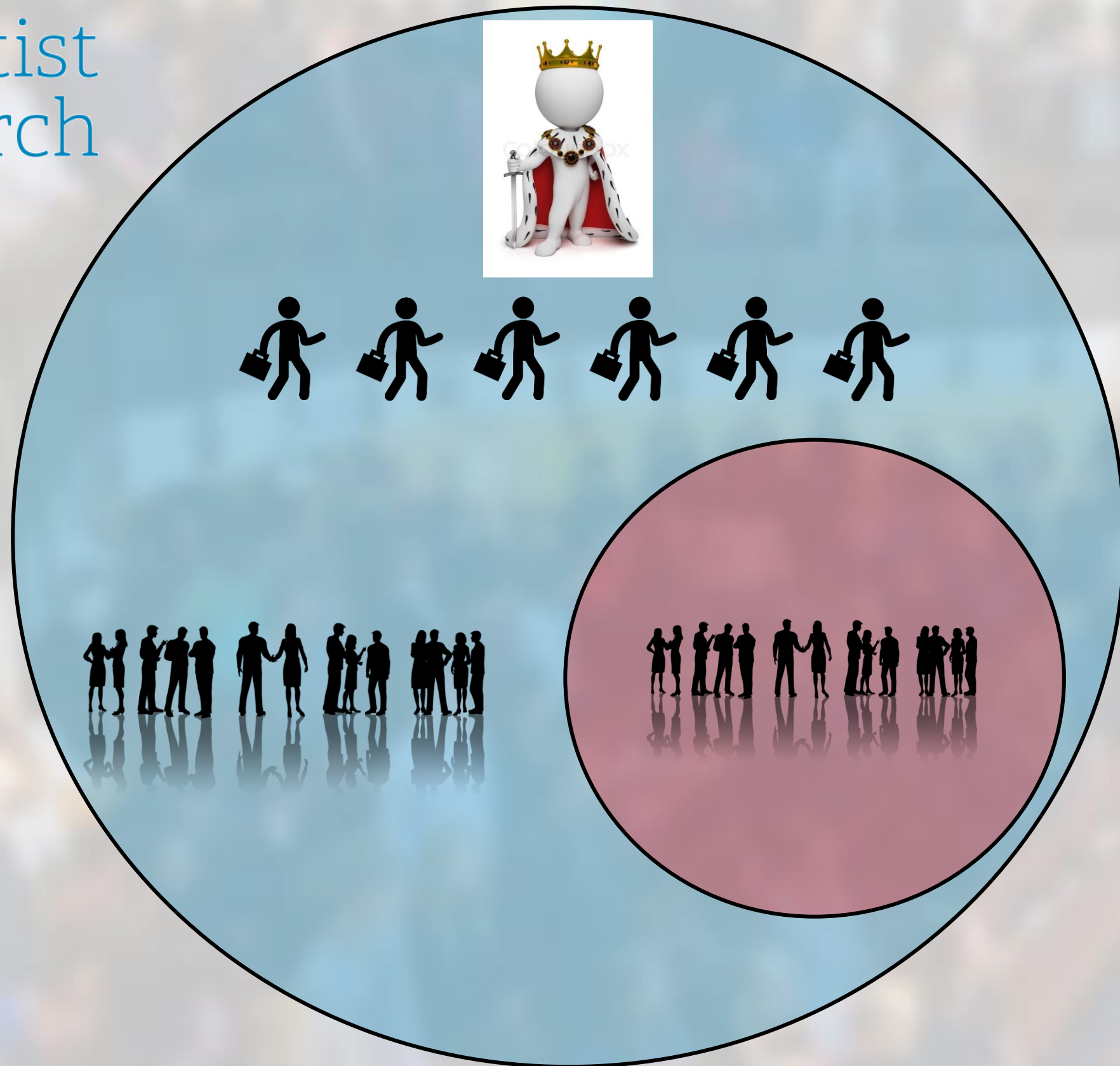


**How do Christians relate to Governments and authority?**



**Remember who you are**

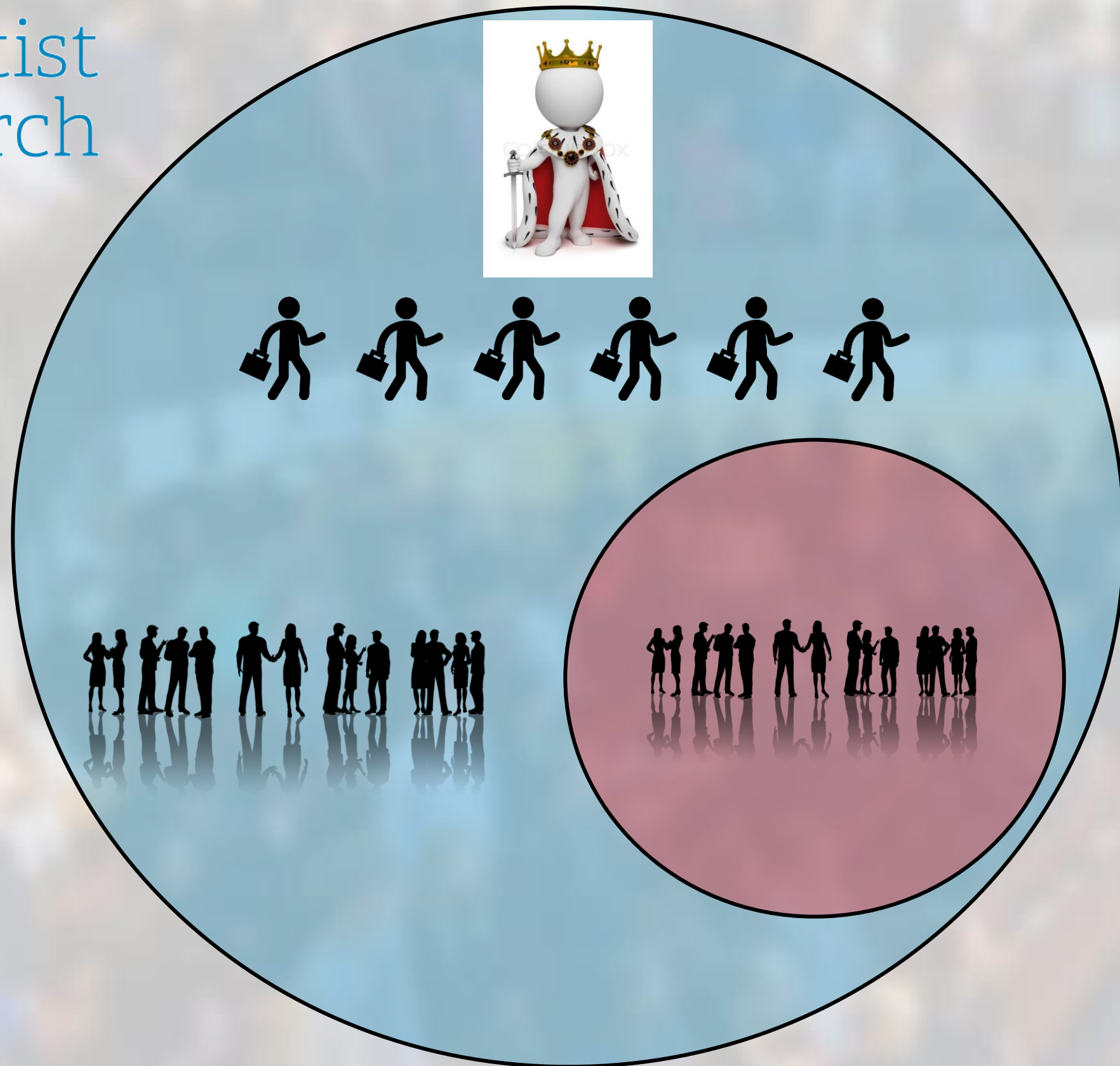
- Members of Christ's family
- Pilgrims in our society



**Submit to the government**

**And all legitimate authority**

- because of Christ
- because authorities have important responsibilities
- **Because it silences criticism**



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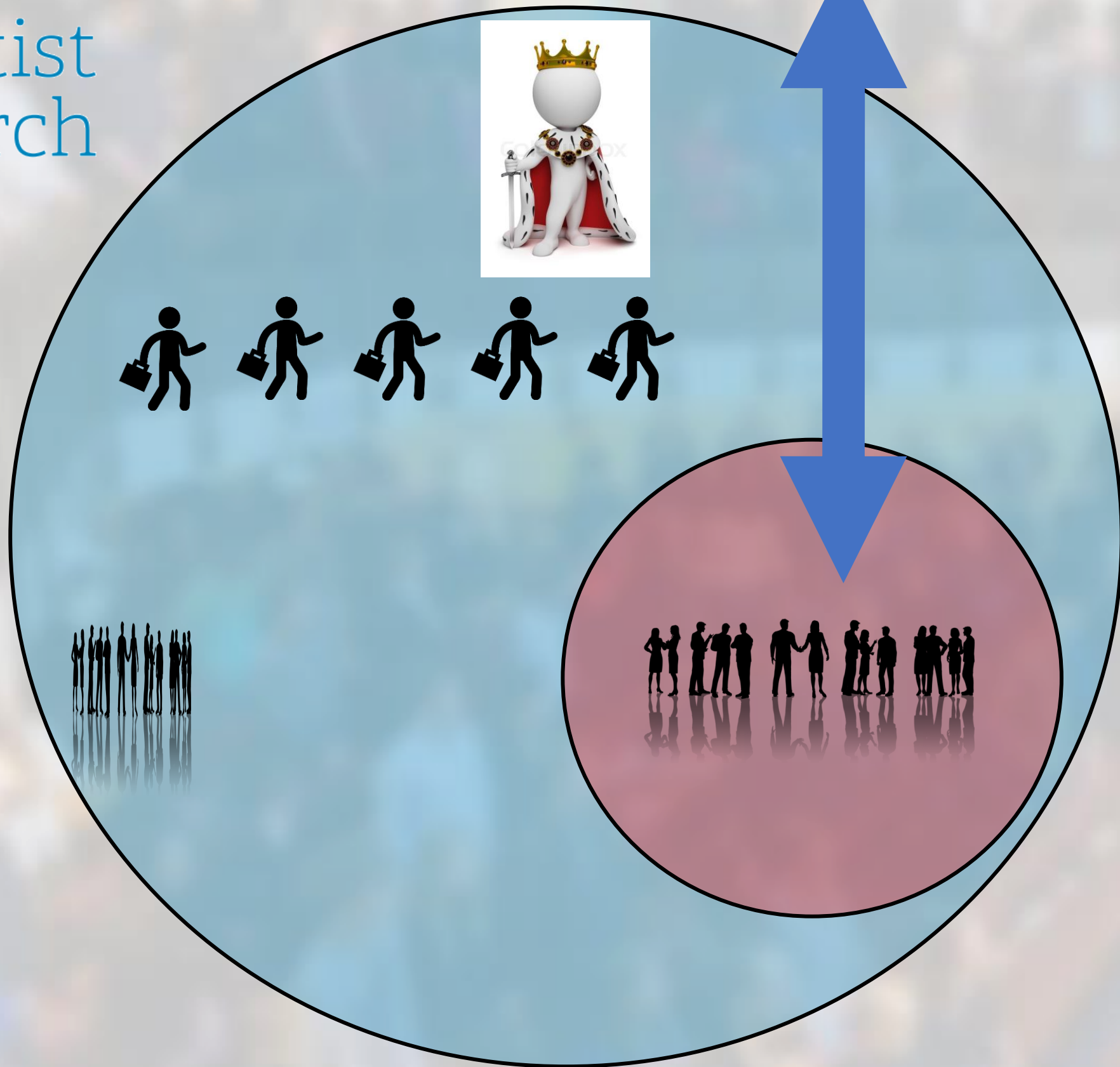
**Submitting to authorities:**

**In what ways is this hard for you as *you*?**

**In what ways is it hard for you as *a Christian*?**



**GOD**



**Freedom matters**

*Live as free people*



**GOD**



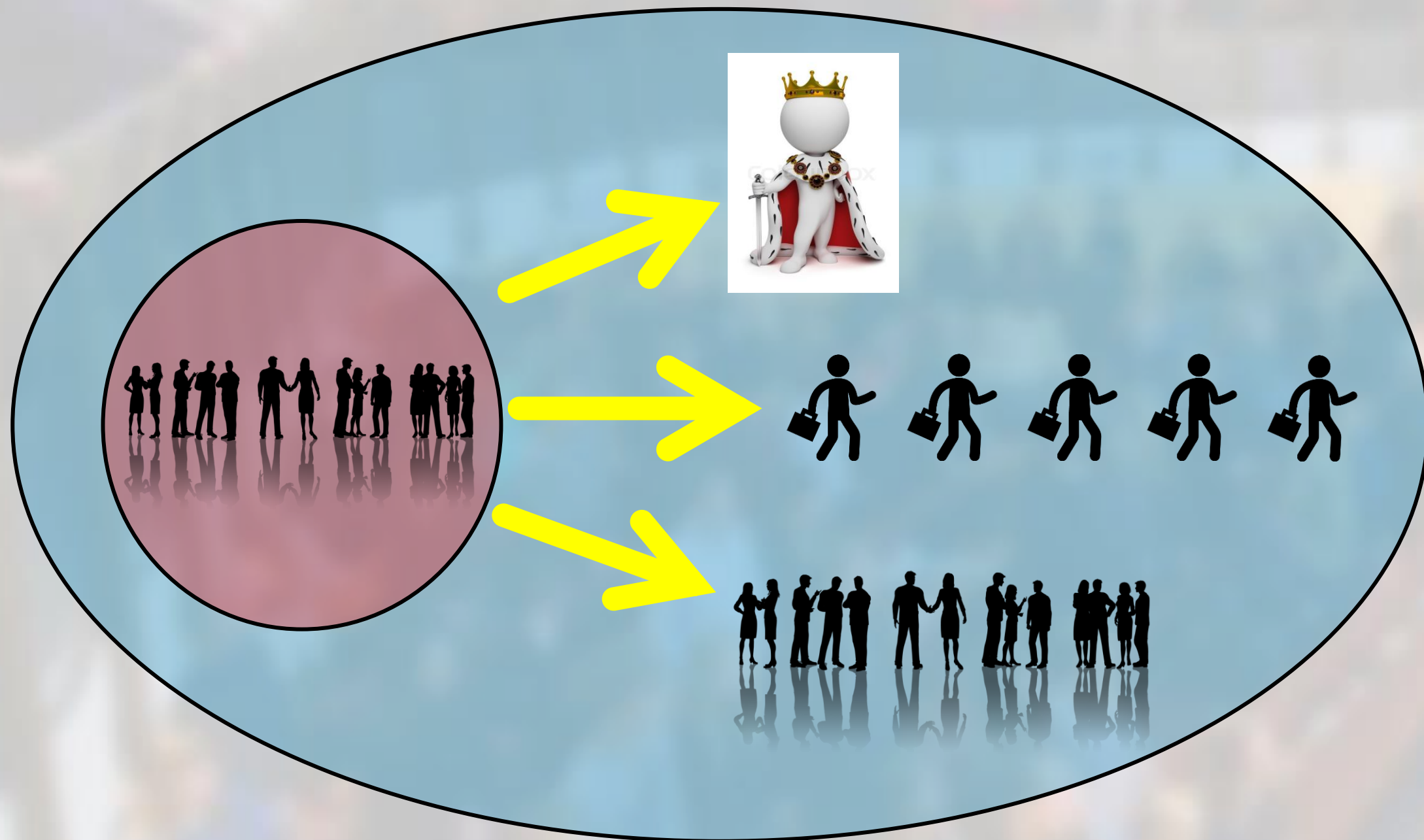
**PAUSE**

**Freedom matters**

**but...**

*Are you more likely to  
disobey authorities or God?*

**GOD**



## Relationships matter

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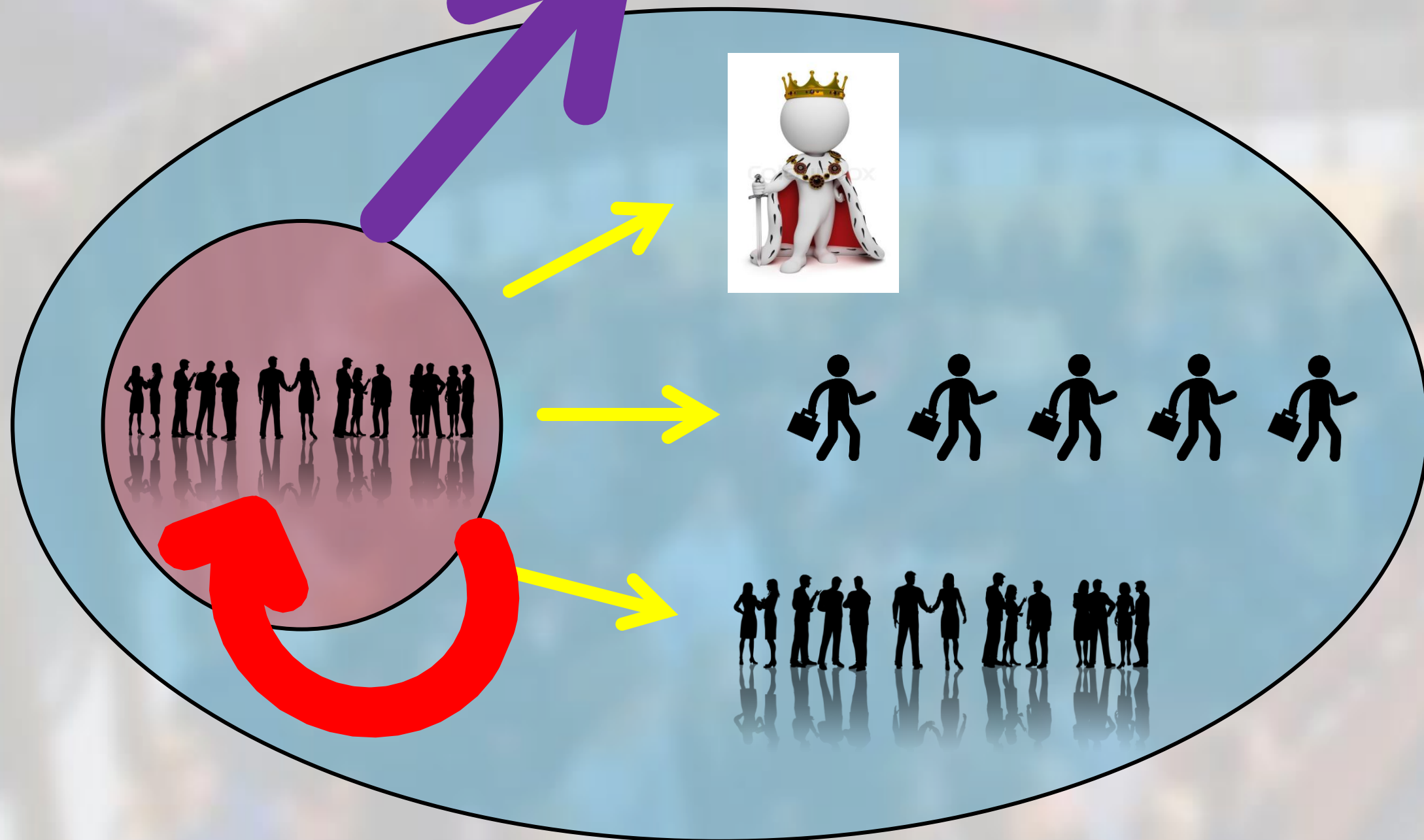
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