

The Heart of the Matter

12. When do you find it hardest to submit to civil authorities? What can help you yield to them?

13. Explain the meaning of “*Love is a debt one can never fully discharge.*”

14. List 3-4 people to whom do you need to show love and concern? How will you show love and concern to those individuals?

15. What “works of darkness” do you need to cast off? What “armor of light” do you need to put on?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Submission and Government: Two Things That Probably Didn't Make Our Thanksgiving List Romans 13:1-14 For the Week of November 29, 2020

Getting Started

1. What thought or insight from this weekend's message did you find helpful, eye-opening or troubling?
2. What is your attitude toward government (federal, state & local)? What is one word or phrase that comes to mind to describe "government"?
3. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of our government?

Digging Deeper

4. According to verses 1 and 2, what role does God play in the life of governing authorities?

5. How are governing authorities supposed to lead according to this passage (vv. 3-4)? Why?

6. What implications does this have for us (vv. 6-7)? What responsibilities do we have as Christians to the government (1 Tim. 2:1-4; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-17)?

7. What does the passage mean when it says to “*be subjection to authority*”? Why do you think we struggle with the call to submit to governing authorities?

8. What is Paul’s point in bringing up taxes? How does this connect with what Jesus said about paying taxes in Matthew 22:17-21? Why are we to pay our taxes?

9. In addition to our obligations to civil authorities, what other obligation do we have (Rom. 13:8-10)? Why do we have this obligation (John 13:34-35)? Why is it so hard to do?

10. Why is it so critical for believers to express Christ’s love to others (Rom. 13:11)? Explain “*salvation is nearer to us...*”

11. Describe the lifestyle of a believer (Rom. 13:12-14). What does it mean to “*put on the Lord Jesus Christ*”?