



Getting-to-know-you questions:

For a new group:

What would change about your daily life if the government disappeared? How do you think people would respond to having no perceptible governing authority over them?

For an established group:

Do you believe God has established human government? Why or Why not?

From the Message:

- 1) In Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:12-17 Paul and Peter call on us to obey those in authority over us. What is your initial reaction to that? Why?
- 2) Why do you think that Paul and Peter would both point to that as important?
- 3) Is there any room for civil disobedience? If so, how would we go about that?
- 4) In Romans 13:8-10 Paul returns to the topic of loving one another. What does loving one another look like? Is it just avoiding doing bad things like are listed in verse 9, or is there more to it?
- 5) In verses 11-14 Paul calls on us to be consistent in living well at all times. How can we help each other live consistent Christian lives?

<p>Read: Romans 13:1-14</p>	<p>And Or</p> <p>The Book of Romans: Part 2 J.D. Greear, Romans 13 https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/770968?session=782574&position=0</p>
<p>Discuss from Scripture:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What's your reaction when you read that we are to submit to the governing authorities? Why? 2) What responsibility do Christians have when the government mistakes bad for good? 3) To whom do you owe respect and honor? 4) How does loving our neighbor help us obey the commands Paul spells out in this passage? 5) How often do you think of the return of Christ or the end times? What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you do? 6) Thinking of yourself, how does your behavior differ when you are "clothed" with Christ? 	<p>Discuss from the video:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What's your reaction when you read that we are to submit to the governing authorities? Why? 2) What responsibility do Christians have when the government mistakes bad for good? 3) To whom do you owe respect and honor? 4) How does loving our neighbor help us obey the commands Paul spells out in this passage? 5) How often do you think of the return of Christ or the end times? What thoughts and emotions come to mind when you do? 6) Thinking of yourself, how does your behavior differ when you are "clothed" with Christ?