

Week 39 - Romans Series
Sermon-based Growth Group Questions

Introductory Discussion:

What was “the takeaway” (the most important point) from Sunday’s sermon and/or the sermon text, in your opinion?

What insight from Sunday’s sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Read Romans 13:1-7

Discussion:

1. When you were growing up, what authority figure was toughest for you to respect? Why?
2. In light of Paul’s teaching about freedom in Christ, why might this section be important for the church in Rome? How does he view government in relationship to God?
3. How are government leaders seen as God’s servants? How does this section challenge the world’s view of relating to governing authorities?
4. Compare this passage with Acts 5:27-32. What overriding principles do you find in these passages for guiding the Christian’s relationship to authority?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. How do the verbs in verse 17 help define what Peter means by submission?
6. How should your relationship to God influence how you deal with human authority?
7. If you were traveling to a place where you had no protection from harassment as a Christian, how would this passage shape your response?

Prayer: Take time to pray together as a group.