

Home Group Discussion Questions

Romans: Transformed Living

Romans 13:1-7

1. In this passage, what are some reasons Paul gives for submitting to governing authorities? Are there any that you find easy or difficult to agree with? Why?

2. The passage before this (12:9-21) and the passage after this (13:8-14) contain the command for us to love one another. How does that impact how we view Romans 13:1-7? How does that impact how you view government authorities?

3. What happens to the message of the gospel and the reputation of God and His people, when Christians are confrontational and disrespectful in the public realm?

4. Although we can't always answer with certainty, why do you think God allows leaders to rule who persecute Christians? Why doesn't He superintend godly leaders? What does this tell you about God's providential care of people?

5. Even when we disagree with the leaders in our government, Christians are called to respect and pray for them. Some of the key elements to pray for include purity, peace, openness to God's truth, sincerity, and wisdom. Use the following texts to determine specifics. What are some other areas?
2 Chronicles 7:14; Romans 13:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:17