



Discussion Guide

November 9, 2025

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Read Romans 13:8-10

1. What does Paul mean by the ‘continuing debt to love one another’?
2. How does love fulfill the law, according to Paul in this section?
3. What are some ways love can guard us from harming others—even unintentionally?

Read Romans 13:11-14

4. What does Paul mean by waking from slumber and putting on the armor of light?
5. How do the metaphors of darkness and light help you understand Christian living?
6. What do you think it means to clothe yourself with Christ?

7. What concrete, practical steps can you take this week to apply this passage to daily life?