

# Messy Faith – Developing a Culture of Love

## My Nation & My Neighbors

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Romans 12:18-21 (NASB95)

### Challenge #1

**A Christian's commitment to their nation.**

Romans 13:1 (NASB95)

**1) God and His word are the \_\_\_\_\_ for life.**

### Act 4:18-19 (NASB95)

18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

Romans 13:2 (NASB95)

**2) Authority is to be obeyed unless it \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.**

Romans 13:3-7 (NASB95)

**3) A right relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ requires a right response to \_\_\_\_\_.**

### Challenge #2

**A Christian's commitment to their neighbors.**

Romans 13:8-10 (NASB95)

"No man can compass the ends of life by drawing a little line around himself upon the ground. No man can fulfill his calling as a Christian by seeking the welfare of his wife and family only, for these are only a sort of greater self." - Spurgeon

**1) Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law.**

Romans 13:11-14 (NASB95)

**2) Through the \_\_\_\_\_ you can walk in light and love your neighbor.**

### Life Group Questions:

- 1) Have you ever viewed leadership as a gift from God? In what way(s) is our state leaders and church leaders a blessing?
- 2) Will God give us bad leaders as a judgement? How can this look in government? How would this look at church?
- 3) What are some choices that you make that keep you from building relationships with our church family and our neighbors?
- 4) Can a Christian live out their faith apart from the body of Christ and a commitment to the church community?