



Romans 13:1-14 | Week 15 | 5/11/2014

1. Look at the 4 critical gospel questions on the next page. Think through the questions out loud. How do they help you to see through a gospel lens?
2. Why is it important to think through the good news of what God has done before we think about what we must do? In other words, what has God already accomplished and what will your good-doing never accomplish?
3. When you read the 4 questions in reverse order (4 Questions to Identify your Idols on page 2), you can identify the motives and core beliefs of your actions. Think about these questions out loud. Do they help you? (An Example: I am living like it all rests upon me. I think I must be in control. God is not in control. God is either not powerful or he doesn't care about me. Conclusion: I must be my own God.)
4. What is the main point in Romans 13:1-7? What are the similarities between living as a citizen of a country and living as a member of a household?
5. In what ways do we try to get around submitting to authorities? (Romans 13:1-7)
6. How does Romans 12:17-21 (in particular verse 18) speak to Romans 13:1-7?
7. What is it about human nature that pushes back against authority? How are you most tempted to rebel against authority?
8. There are a few acts of civil disobedience in the Bible (Moses, Daniel, and Esther to name a few). Acts 4:1-22 records one act of civil disobedience. Read verses 19-20 of Acts 4. What can we learn from Peter and John's response to the governing authorities?
9. How does the command to love help us to put all of the other commandments into practice? (Romans 13:8-10)
10. What does it mean to "put on Jesus Christ?"
11. In what ways can we "put on Jesus Christ . . . and not satisfy the desires of the flesh?" (Romans 13:11-14)
12. How does putting on Christ speak to who God is, what he has done, and in light of that, who I am?
13. Pray.

4 Critical Gospel Questions:

1. Who is God?
2. What has he done?
3. In light of that, who am I?
4. How should I then live?

4 Questions to Identify your Idols:

1. How am I living?
2. In light of that, who do I think I am?
3. What do I think God is doing?
4. Who do I think God is?