

Warmup

- Share something meaningful from the Romans 13 lecture.

Day 1: Read Romans 13:1-7 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

1. From where are earthly authorities established? What are the consequences of rebelling against authorities?
2. Who are the earthly authorities and for what two reasons should you submit to them? (verses 4-5)
3. How will you apply these verses on authorities?

Day 2: Read Romans 13:8-10 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

4. Why is it important to love one another? **Personal Question:** Describe what you think it means to “love one another”.

5. What one command sums up all the commandments (verse 9)? Why is it a good summary?

6. **Personal Question:** If you were to love your neighbor as yourself, make a bullet point list of several actions you would take to express your love to your neighbor.

Day 3: Read Romans 13:11, Matthew 24:42, 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8, Revelation 3:2-3
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7. Why does Paul warn us to “wake up” in verse 11?
8. From the following verses, what else do you learn about “waking up”?
 - Matthew 24:42
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8
 - Revelation 3:2-3

9. **Personal Question:** What area of your life has gotten lazy and needs to “wake up”? What steps do you plan to take?

Day 4: Read Romans 13:12-14, Ephesians 6:10-17 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

10. What is the “armor of light”? (Hint: Read Ephesians 6:10-17 to help with your answer.)

11. Verse 12 says to “put on the armor of light” and verse 14 says to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ”. What does it mean to “put on (clothe yourself with) the Lord Jesus Christ”?

12. Verse 14 NIV says, “do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh” and ESV says, “make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires”. Explain what this means.

13. **Personal Question:** How might you apply verse 14 to your own life?

Day 5: Re-read Romans 13 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

14. What is the most important thing you learned from studying Romans 13?

15. How will you apply that most important thing you learned?

Day 6: Re-read Romans 13 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

16. What question/questions do you still have about Romans 13? Write a prayer asking the Lord to help you know what He wants you to know about that specific question. Be prepared to share your prayer with your discussion group.