



**NOWTHEN
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STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on June 7, 2020

Romans 13-14

REFLECT | REVIEW

Review and reflect on the Scriptures and important points of the sermon.

In Paul's outline, we find that chapter 13-14 continue in talking to us about how we live practically, specifically in regards to our government and our neighbors.

You can break Romans down broadly into 4 parts (These titles come from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird).

1. Unveiling God's righteousness (1-4)
2. From new covenant to new creation (5-8)
3. God's faithfulness and Israel's unbelief (9-11)
4. Faithfulness and fellowship in the wider world (12-16)

ENGAGE | ENCOURAGE

Consider together what God is asking you to do and encourage each other.

Read **Romans 13:1-7** What does Paul say about governments in this passage? What does he say about how we are supposed to interact with our government? Do you find this hard? When or why?

Romans 13:8-14 tells us not just about how we are good citizens but how we are good neighbors. What is the one thing it boils down to? After boiling it down simply, Paul reminds us again of types of behaviors that are easy for us to fall into and find ourselves living in darkness. Which things from that list creep into your life most? How do you clothe yourselves with Christ when the flesh tries other things?

Romans 14 Tells us about how we can treat other people whose faith is at a different place than ours. Are there areas you see this in your life as an issue? Paul talks about food, drink, and holy days. What areas of faith are you passionate about that others may classify as a disputable matter?

How do you best prepare yourself to help others who may be weaker than you in faith?

How hard is it to keep some of your thoughts to yourself?

LOOKING AHEAD

Read chapters 15-16 before next week's sermon. Think of any questions you may have on what they meant then, and how they apply to us today. Reach out to someone you trust with those questions if you don't feel they get answered specifically next week.