



Richfield Community Church
Life Group Discussion Questions
Sunday, February 19, 2012

Romans 13:1-7

What does it mean?

1. How would you summarize Chapter 12? What about 12:17-21 specifically?
2. In 13:1, what does Paul mean by “be subject to...”?
3. Who are the “Authorities” Paul want us to think about?
4. Why does Paul use the word “resist” three times in v.2?
5. What is good conduct vs. bad conduct?
6. Describe the picture of government you get from 13:4?
7. What does it mean to “bear the sword”?
8. What does Paul mean by “for the sake of conscience” in v.5?
9. What is Paul referring to by the “this” in v.6: “because of this”?
10. In what way is Paul saying that authorities are “ministers of God”?
11. How would you summarize verse 7?
12. What is Paul trying to communicate about the relationship between believers and the government?

How does it apply?

1. How have you viewed your relationship with authorities? Does this differ at all from Paul’s view?
2. What is the result of living a life viewing authorities the way Paul describes?
3. Have you ever resisted (or wanted to resist☺) authority inappropriately? What does this say about the state of our faith in those moments?
4. Has there ever been a time in your life where you’ve felt you needed to resist authority? Explain.
5. How are you living out v. 7? How might you this week?