

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 30, 2014

Passage: Romans 13:8-10

Memory Passage: Romans 13:10

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:8-10.** What does the phrase, “Owe no one anything,” mean? In other words, is this a blanket statement commanding us never to have debt or is he saying something else (and if so, what), and how do you know (context)?
- (b) When Paul says, “except to love each other” what is he telling us about our obligation to love, and how does the last phrase in v. 8 help us answer this question (notice the “for” that connects these phrases)?
- (c) Review Romans 7:5-6 & 8:1-11 and record what you have already learned about the believer’s relationship to the law.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:8-10, Matt. 22:34-40, Luke 10:25-37 & Lev. 19:9-18.** What does Jesus mean when He says, “on these 2 commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Matt. 22:40)?
- (b) Why does the lawyer’s question in Luke 10:29 prove that he was “desiring to justify himself?”
- (c) Who is one’s neighbor according to Lev. 19, how should they be treated, and why (Lev. 19:2)?
- (d) Who is one’s neighbor according to Luke 10:29-37, how should they be treated, and why?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rom. 13:8-10.** What is Paul’s purpose in mentioning only 4 of the 10 commandments?
- (b) Paul’s command is to love our neighbor “as yourself.” In what ways might you love yourself that are bad, and in what ways do you love yourself that are good and worthy of loving others in the same way?
- (c) Consider each of the commandments Paul mentions and write down how each one is “summed” up in “loving your neighbor as yourself.”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 13:8-10.** Read the following related NT passages and write down at least 2 ways for each commandment that you intend to love your neighbor as yourself this week (be specific): **Matt. 5:27-32 (adultery); Matt. 5:21-24 & James 4:11-12 (murder); Luke 6:27-36 & Eph. 4:24 (stealing); Matt. 6:25-34, Phil. 4:9-11, & James 4:1-10 (coveting).**

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Romans 13:8-10.** How does the fact that love does no wrong to a neighbor prove that love is the fulfilling of the law?
- (b) Write down the names of 5 of your neighbors (these can be, but not limited to, actual neighbors who live close to you, coworkers, friends, acquaintances from clubs or organizations to which you belong, parents from organizations to which your kids belong, classmates, workers at businesses you regularly frequent, etc.). Next to each one, write down several ways you will endeavor to continue to love that neighbor (because you will always owe love, according to v. 8).

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Love Sums It Up!

In Romans 13:8-10 Paul presents 2 commands concerning our relationship to governing authorities.