

# Romans 13.1-14

## BEFORE THE STUDY

*Read Romans 13.1-14*

- 1. What things do we learn about God in this passage?**
- 2. What things do we learn about humans in this passage?**
- 3. Where can you see Jesus shining through?**
- 4. What things can I do or think as a result of what I have learned?**

## **DURING THE STUDY**

### **Read Romans 13:1-7.**

1. What negative attitudes to government and secular political leadership exist in our culture?
2. What, according to these verses, is the relationship between God and government?
3. What is the job of government?
4. We are not to resist the governing authorities, but to be subject to them, and to give them their due. What does this mean in practice for us:
  - a. as individuals?
  - b. as a small group?
  - c. as a church (cf. 1 Tim 2:1-2)?

### **Read Romans 13:8-10**

5. Consider Paul's attitude to the law in these verses. What can you work out about Paul's attitude to the law?

### **Read Romans 13:11-14.**

6. Why does Paul warn us to "wake from sleep" (v. 11)?
7. What will 'waking from sleep' look like in practice (vv. 12-13)?
8. If someone was observing your behaviour and listening to your words, what would they conclude was your attitude to the government? Is it the attitude that Romans 13 is putting forward?

## **Pray**