



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF AUGUST 11, 2024 | JESUS, THE ELECTION AND YOU - PART 2

**There are ways to discuss these topics constructively, fostering understanding rather than division. We encourage you to prioritize protecting the safety of your group space ensuring all conversations are approached with kindness, and ultimately point to Jesus.*

Be sure to take 10-15 minutes to be intentional with the Respond section of the guide.

WARM-UP QUESTION

If you could have dinner with any historical leader, who would it be and what's one question you would ask them?

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Romans 13:1-7

- What does this passage say about God's sovereignty?
- How does the idea that God can use anyone, even the lowliest, in positions of authority challenge your current view of leadership? Can you think of a biblical example where God used a ruler who was not faithful to Him? How does this affect your understanding of current leaders?
- How does living righteously before God influence your attitude toward authority, especially when you disagree with them? What does it look like to submit to an authority you disagree with, and how does this impact your daily life and relationship with God?
- Did anything surprise you in this passage? How does it challenge the way you've viewed your faith in relation to politics?

Read Romans 13:8-10

- What do you think Paul means when he says we have an obligation to love one another?
- Who is someone that is hard for you to love right now? How do you think loving those you find difficult to love fulfills God's purpose for you? What steps can you take to surrender that feeling to God?
- What does this passage reveal about God's character and how He desires us to live out His law? How can you practically show love and honor to those in authority, even when it's difficult?
- In what ways does honoring or dishonoring the government reflect your commitment to living like Jesus?



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WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024 | JESUS, THE ELECTION AND YOU - PART 1

Read Romans 13:11-14

- How can we consciously make choices that reflect our identity in Christ rather than giving in to sinful desires? How does putting on Christ change the way we interact with our families, workplaces, and communities?
- Paul uses many action phrases in this passage – “Wake up,” “Remove dark deeds,” and “Put on.” What practical step are you going to take this week to take action and “put on Christ”? How can this group hold you accountable?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Ask God to reveal to you someone who He may be calling you to disciple.
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He’s prompting you to do this week.