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WARM UP QUESTION

Have you ever gotten a ticket for breaking a law of any type?

- 1** **Read Romans 12:1-2.** In your own words, what kind of response does Paul call the church to? Why is the motivating factor so important? What behaviors and customs does the world encourage you to follow? Who is responsible for what in the transformation process? What have you learned about God's will from the book of Romans?
- 2** **Read Romans 12:3-8.** How does our faith serve as the measuring stick by which we are to evaluate ourselves? What reasons do you see, in verses 4-8, for having a right view of yourself? What gifts has God given you and how do you use them to build up the body of Christ?
- 3** **Read Romans 12:9-21.** If the previous passage taught us how to see ourselves rightly, what does this one teach us about relating God? Other Christians? Those who oppose us? What would it look like, practically, to hate what is wrong, while simultaneously holding tightly to what is good? Pick out one command from this passage that is an area of struggle for you. Share with the group a tangible way you can put it into practice and by when.
- 4** **Read Romans 13:1-7.** List all the reasons Paul gives for submitting to governing authorities. Is submitting different than obedience? Why do we pay taxes? Is there ever a time when we should not submit to our governing authorities?
- 5** **Read Romans 13:8-14.** How does love fulfill the requirements of the law? How should the perspective of verses 11-14 change the way we may feel about the tough instructions in Romans 12-13? Why do you think the Bible never tells us to "remove" something without also telling us what to "put on" immediately after?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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