

The Gospel of Paul (24)

Living in Light of the End

Romans 13:1-14

Intro: Watching for the Second Time

I. Submitting to Governing Authorities (v. 1-7)

II. Loving Those Around Us (v. 8-10)

III. Living Like We're Already There (v. 11-14)

Conclusion: Night Is Breaking

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What reservations do you have over the idea of submitting to governing authorities? How does the clarification that "we must obey God rather than men" help shape your understanding of what this should look like?
2. Paul says, "there is no authority except that which God has established." How might we perceive the hand of God behind evil governing authorities? (Factor in what the Bible says about Babylon and God's purposes for such evil governments).
3. How does the knowledge that this present evil age (the NIGHT) is soon ending, and the DAY of the Lord is soon coming, impact your stance toward the world and your priorities as you live in this world?