

Wake Up Call

Romans 13

Today's the day to lean into the hard things of discipleship.

1. We should submit to the governing authorities.
2. We should love one another.

Recommended Reading

Wang Yi, "My Declaration of Faithful Disobedience": <https://chinapartnership.org/blog/2018/12/my-declaration-of-faithful-disobedience/>

Discussion Questions

1. Tell about a time when you or someone you know got a "wake up call" with their health, finances, or relationships. What was it? Why was it effective? What changed?
2. How prone are you to procrastinating when it comes to dealing with big problems or projects? In most cases, do you get around to doing them, or end up abandoning them altogether?
3. What areas of Christian discipleship come most easily to you? Which ones do you find the most challenging?
4. What's the first thought that comes into your mind when you hear Paul's words, "Submit yourself to the governing authorities?"
5. What does it mean to submit oneself?
6. What are some reasons people might give as to why they should not submit themselves to the governing authorities?
7. In Romans 13:1-7, what are the reasons Paul gives why Christians should submit themselves to the governing authorities. Which of these is most compelling to you?
8. Romans 13:8-10 deal with loving other people. Is this an easy or difficult thing for you to do?
9. Read Romans 13:11. What does this verse mean? Put it in your own words. Why does Paul appeal to the shortness of time at all?
10. Following Jesus isn't always easy. Name one specific "big ticket" area of discipleship you need to lean into today, rather than putting off.