

ROMANS

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

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

Review

In Romans 13, Paul implores the Roman church to show reverence and respect to the leaders and authorities that make up the local and global government. What made this important to the early church, and how do we respond today?

Discussion Questions

1. What does Paul mean when he says that these authorities have been instituted by God?
2. How does the literary context of this passage (between Romans 12, where Paul speaks about Christian ethics and love or enemies and 13:8-14, where he speaks about loving neighbors) affect how you read these verses?
3. In what ways does our system of government make this passage easier for us to hear and abide by? In what ways does it make it harder?