

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea:

Love God by loving others

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Daniel 4:18-37
Matthew 28:18-20
John 17:1-10
Colossians 1:9-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Titus 3:1-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 13:1-14

What is the source of all authority?

How is authority generally established? How does this apply in what Paul is describing?

What is your first response to Paul's instruction?

Why do we struggle with the concept of submitting to authority?

What does this say about us?

What does this say about our relationship to God?

What is the connection between "be subject to governing authorities" and "love your neighbor as yourself"?

When are you most tempted to rebel against authority?

When are you most tempted to harm your neighbor?

What are some common ways we rebel against authority?

What are some common things we do that harm our neighbors?

What motivates us to do these things?

What would convince you to change?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God that all authority comes from Him.

Tell God about your rebellious spirit.

Thank God, by name, for the authorities
that He has put in your life.

Ask God to place more Godly authorities in your life.

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FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ROMANS 13:1

Open a map and look at different countries.

How are their governments alike?

How are they different?

How does God display His will through governments?

READ ROMANS 13:2-5

When have you been afraid

because you did something bad?

When have you been afraid

because you did something good?

What's the difference?

READ ROMANS 13:6-7

Look at your tax bill.

Why are taxes needed?

READ ROMANS 13:8-10

Make a poster of the "golden rule" in this passage.

READ ROMANS 13:11-14

Play "hide and seek".

Discuss the things we hide vs. the things we celebrate.

What is the difference?

MEMORY VERSE:

_____, _____, _____ _____ in
_____ to _____?

If _____ is _____ us, _____ can _____
_____?

He _____
_____ his _____,

but _____ Him _____ for _____ all

_____, _____

_____ ? _____ 8:31-32

CRYPTOGRAM

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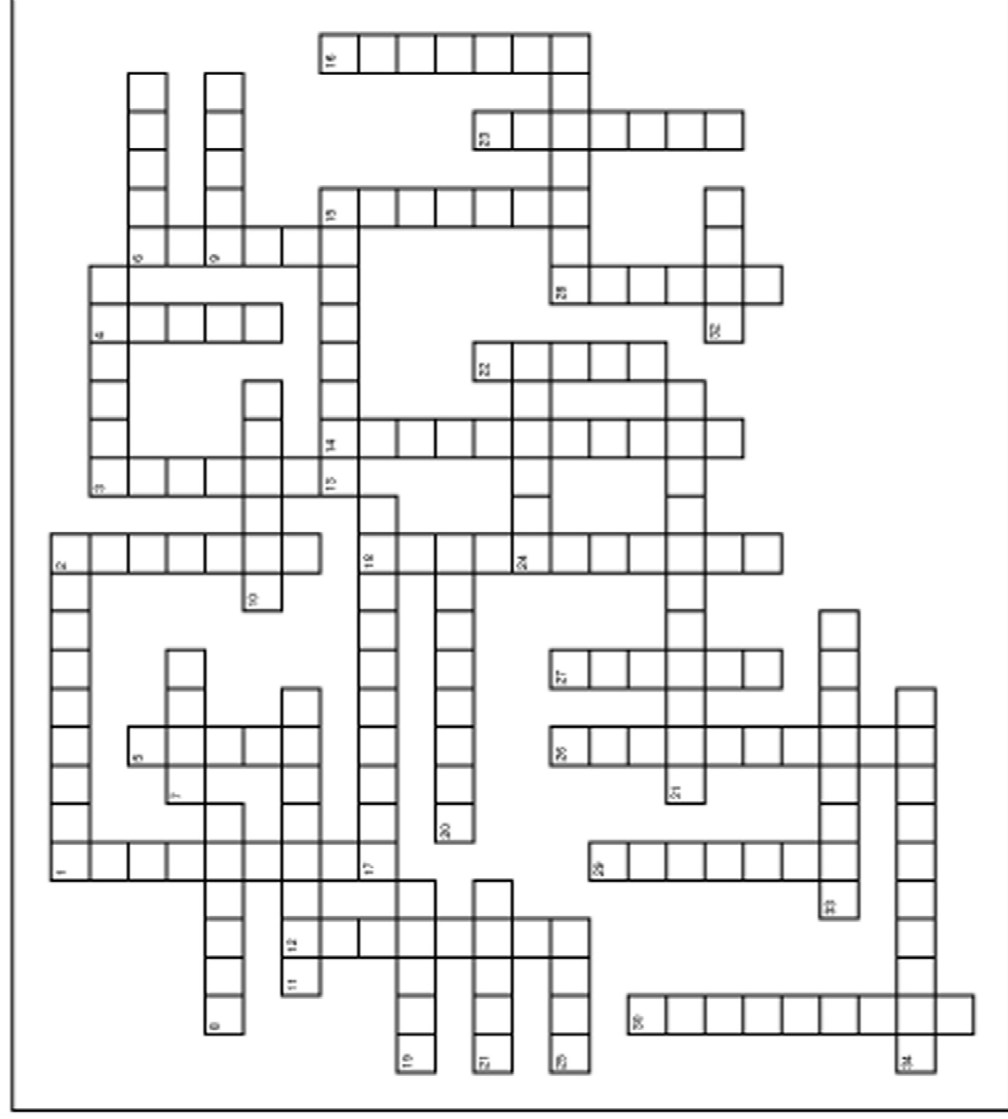
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Cryptogram

ROMANS 13

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Across

1. accomplished (Romans 13:8)
3. put on (Romans 13:14)
6. opposite of wrong (Romans 13:3)
7. hurt (Romans 13:10)
8. be obedient to (Romans 13:1)
9. represents God (Romans 13:12)
10. does not obey (Romans 13:2)
11. envy (Romans 13:13)
13. represents evil (Romans 13:12)
17. conflict (Romans 13:13)
19. a weapon (Romans 13:4)
20. consequences of guilt (Romans 13:2)
21. the protective clothing of a warrior (Romans 13:12)
24. fear (Romans 13:3)
25. the only debt we should have (Romans 13:8)
28. someone who does the will of another (Romans 13:4)
31. created (Romans 13:1)
32. something owed (Romans 13:8)
33. with respect to God and man (Romans 13:13)
34. made happen (Romans 13:2)

Down

1. accomplished (Romans 13:8)
2. wants (Romans 13:14)
3. praise or reward (Romans 13:3)
4. praise (Romans 13:7)
5. money paid to the government (Romans 13:5)
6. those in charge (Romans 13:3)
12. all people (Romans 13:1)
14. people who lead (Romans 13:1)
15. sleep or state of rest (Romans 13:11)
16. high value or regard (Romans 13:7)
18. unpaid (Romans 13:8)
22. anger that leads to punishment (Romans 13:4)
23. satisfy (Romans 13:14)
26. a person's own sense of right or wrong (Romans 13:5)
27. scared (Romans 13:4)
28. totaled (Romans 13:9)
29. income (Romans 13:7)
30. leading or ruling (Romans 13:6)

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governing

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conscience

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outstanding

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20. FAARDI

2. DBALSEETHSI

21. ESNARVT

3. DEUILFLFL

22. ULLFFLIDE

4. EESRDIS

23. RRMOA

5. GTAYFRI

24. ORTRER

6. ELSEBR

25. NTTSITUIDE

7. BSUTMI

26. MESMDU

8. GNTDJEMU

27. SNIECECNCO

9. TNATDGIONSU

28. ENDOIINTSS

10. OVLE

29. TDBE

11. RITGH

30. GILHT

12. DRWSO

31. AIHRSUIOTTE

13. AHRM

32. EEYTCLDN

14. ENUVREE

33. SAEXT

15. AUJYLEOS

34. TWRAH

16. EYORNVEE

35. TLHECO

17. KDAESSRN

36. RURSLE

18. ROONH

37. MNCOMDE

19. GVGOINERN

38. ERPCSTE
