

# **GROWTH GROUPS QUESTIONS**

Romans 13:1-7

## **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**

What do you do to calm yourself when you feel angry enough to resort to “sticks and stones” (words that hurt others)?

## **INTO THE WORD**

How is the establishment of any government related to God? (Rom 13:1)

What attitude is a Christian showing toward God when he or she rebels against the government? (Rom 13:2) What are some examples in US history of people sinfully rebelling against the government?

When is resistance against a government permitted by God? (Acts 5:29) What are some examples in US history of people standing up against the government with righteousness?

For what reasons are government officials in power? (Rom 13:4)

## **INTO MY LIFE**

Where is your heart currently in conflict in regard to striking a balance between respecting the governing authorities when there are policies and procedures that contradict the Bible?

Martin Luther stood up to corruption both within the church and the government. When put on trial, he refused to recant (take back) anything that followed God’s Word even if it offended those in leadership but he also confessed there were other times he wrote and spoke too harshly. When have you defended the truth of God’s Word online too harshly or spoken too aggressively regarding what’s happening in the government?

When you come face to face with the reality of your sins, what is a Bible passage that gives you comfort that you are fully, freely forgiven?

What can you do to help bring change to your community and your heart?