

the HOME SHEET

this week's topic:
**THE BIG CONUNDRUM:
FORGING AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE**

I. CHECK-IN

- Check-in with each other. How is life?
- Check in about last week's challenge:
Next time you notice something that doesn't align with the kingdom of God, draw close to God in prayer, considering how to take action and respond, then take an action step to help your community better reflect the Kingdom of God.

II. SCRIPTURE

Romans 13: Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval, for it is God's agent for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the agent of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's agents, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Luke 4:18-19: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

V. PRAYER

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. CHALLENGE

As we prepare for the midterm elections and political turmoil continues to bubble up, how can you put what you've learned in this series into practice?

Be prepared to share about this next week.

III. DISCUSSION

- What are your thoughts on the conversation between Kaitlyn and Pastor Fernie?
- Kaitlyn talks a lot about Romans chapter 13; what stands out to you in this scripture?
- What is your takeaway on the conversation about previews/glimpses of heaven? Why is it important to notice them?
- After listening to the SermonCast, how do you feel about the role you are being asked to play in bringing about the kingdom of God, knowing that we don't have to shoulder the weight of it all?
- Perspective matters when it comes to reading scripture. What are your thoughts on approaching scripture with different vantage points, experiences, and understandings?
- If politics has a way of forming us, why do you think it's important for faith and politics to intersect? In other words, have you grown more comfortable learning to put faith and politics together?

