What is the <u>role</u> of government? (Romans 13:1-4)

What is our <u>response</u> to government? (Romans 13:5-7, I Timothy 2:1-2)

What is our <u>message</u> to government? (Acts 1:8, Proverbs 14:34)

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's message?

2. Do we see examples of evil becoming less and less restrained in our nation? If so, what examples of this can you think of? Why do you think this is happening?

3. Why does human nature need to be restrained from doing evil (See Romans 3:9-18)?

4. As Christians, how can we help to restrain evil within our culture? What is the greatest restraint of evil in our world?

5. As Christians, we are called to pray for our nation and those in leadership. Why is this important? How do you need to grow in living this out?

Memory Verses: Proverbs 14:34

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 4:43-5:18

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right man on our side The man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be, Christ Jesus it is He Lord Sabaoth His name From age to age the same And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And though this world With devils filled Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear For God hath willed His truth to triumph through us The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo his doom is sure One little word shall fell him

Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still His kingdom is forever

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Crown Him With Many Crowns

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

Verse 3

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

VERSE 4

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began,
And ye who tread where He hath trod
Crown Him the Son of Man.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

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Living Waters

VERSE 1

Are you thirsty are you empty Come and drink these living waters Tired and broken peace unspoken Rest beside these living waters

CHORUS

There's a river that flows with mercy and love Bringing joy to the city of our God There our hope is secure do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

VERSE 2

Christ is calling find refreshing at the cross of living waters Lay your life down all the old gone Rise up in these living waters

BRIDGE 1

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

BRIDGE 2

You alone are my strength my shield to You alone may my spirit yield You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

VERSE 3

Spirit moving mercy washing healing in these living waters Lead your children to the shoreline life is in these living waters

ENDING

There our hope is secure Do not fear anymore Praise the Lord of living waters

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Man Of Sorrows

Verse 1

Man of sorrows Lamb of God, By His own betrayed The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused, Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out hallelujah Praise and honour unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid, It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh is free indeed

Verse 4

See the stone is rolled away, Behold the empty tomb Hallelujah God be praised, He's risen from the grave

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