Questions for Romans 12 & 13

Comprehension: (In other words, what does it say?)

Review the main themes in these chapters:

Interpretation: (In other words, what does it mean?)

What sorts of things does/can God give? How does recognizing them as gifts change my response to them?

Paul focuses heavily on love in both chapters, what are the various ways we can live love out?

God institutes governing authorities? How do you reconcile this with anti-Christian governments? How do you make peace with this in our own country?

Romans 13:8-10 gives a clear statement of the law, how would you write these verses in your own words?

List out the deeds of darkness Paul refers to. What are the similarities between this list and the list Paul gave us in Romans 1? What does this reiterate to us about God's focus when it comes to the law?

Application: (In other words, how do I apply this to my life?)

Transform don't conform. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice to God? In what ways do you struggle not to conform to this world? Who runs this world?

Romans 12 says it's never ok to repay evil with evil, is that really practical? Has God's wrath ever taken too long? Can you forgive and have peace even though you see no justice?

Do you have a "big sin, little sin" mentality? In what way do these chapters educate you?