Alochol One-to-One

Objective: Student submits to God by submitting to the laws of the land and desire to be above reproach.

1. Read Romas 13: 1-7 “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. **2**Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. **3**For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. **4**For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. **5**Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.**6**This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. **7**Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

* Who do you identify as authorities in your life? (US government/local authorities/parents/etc…)
* Who established these authorities according to vs 1? (God)
* What are the laws about drinking under 21 in the US? (no drinking)
* How does verse 2 describe going against the law? (Rebelling against God)
* Have you ever thought about drinking wine before you are 21 as rebellion to God? Why do you think it’s described this way?
* How can you worship God or show love to him in this area?

2. Another angle that is important when it comes to alcohol is the reputation it has in college…

* What makes someone a spiritual leader? (Sharing the Gospel, influencing others for Christ)
* Read Philippians 2:15-“ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.”[a] Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky”
* What is the result of being blameless according to vs 15? (Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky)
* Read I Timothy 3:2-“Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach”
* What is required of the spiritual leader in vs 2? What does “above reproach” mean? Why do you think it’s required for a spiritual leader?
* Read Titus 1:7-“Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.”
* What is required of a spiritual leader in vs 7?
* Do you want to be (or continue to be) a spiritual leader? What would it cost for you to do that? Is it worth it to you?
* What assumptions do your peers make if they see someone drinking?
* Read II Corinthians 6:3-“ We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.”
* Could your drinking be a stumbling block for others in college? Who? How
* Read these two artciles: <https://tolander.wordpress.com/2014/09/08/why-we-drink/> and <https://tolander.wordpress.com/2014/09/09/wheres-the-line/>
* Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 – what would it look like to drink for the glory of God?
* What would it look like to be above reproach in the area of alcohol?