





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: As followers of Jesus, our ultimate goal should be to love others as He loves us, even in the realm of politics.

HEAD CHANGE: Politics can shape us spiritually, either forming us into Christlikeness or deforming us through anger, fear and vulgarity.

HEART CHANGE: Our confidence and peace should be anchored in God's character and sovereignty, not in political circumstances.

LIFE CHANGE: We are called to approach politics with humility, generosity, and curiosity, serving as a non-anxious presence in a divisive world.

OVERVIEW

In this message, we are reminded that as followers of Christ, our ultimate goal should be to love like Jesus, even amidst the divisiveness and challenges of an election year. While we may hold different political views, our shared faith in Christ should

unite us and shape our interactions with others. By recognizing that both anger and fear are often used as political tools, we can instead choose to anchor ourselves in the confidence and peace that comes from trusting in God's sovereignty. We are encouraged to stay aware of how our politics are shaping us spiritually and to actively seek to be formed in the image of Christ, using our political involvement as a means to demonstrate His love to the world.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways have you personally experienced or witnessed politics shaping people spiritually, either positively or negatively?
2. How can we cultivate humility, generosity, and curiosity in our political conversations and relationships with others who may hold different views?
3. How should our identity in Christ and our call to love others shape the way we engage politically especially with those we disagree with?
4. How can we as a church community support and encourage one another to engage politically with Christlike character and conviction?
5. How can we cultivate a deeper trust in God, even when politics feel uncertain or divisive?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, help us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. May His love, humility, and compassion shape us more than any political ideology or agenda. Give us wisdom and courage as we look to stand against evil and promote love in our society. Above all, use us as instruments of Your transforming grace, pointing others to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!