





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Jesus' approach to politics was revolutionary. He didn't fully align with any political party or ideology.

HEAD CHANGE: Christians should engage in politics and work towards justice, but not at the expense of our witness or unity with other believers.

HEART CHANGE: Real transformation comes from the heart, not just through political change.

LIFE CHANGE: Jesus calls us to love and forgive our enemies, even in the midst of political disagreements and injustices.

OVERVIEW

Spiritually Healthy Community

Jesus had a revolutionary approach to politics, he navigated the tension between earthly authority and ultimate allegiance to God. We see this clearly in the story of Jesus being questioned about paying taxes to Caesar. His ambiguous yet profound response - 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's' - teaches us to engage in the political process while recognizing that true transformation comes from within. Let's strive to avoid the extremes of political complacency or political primacy, instead focusing on loving others like Christ and gaining influence for the sake of the Gospel. As we face the challenges and divisions of an election year, we are reminded that our unity in Christ transcends political differences, and that our ultimate hope rests in the unshakable kingdom of God.

"He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By His wounds you are healed.."

-1 Peter 2:24 (NLT)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can we cultivate the inner peace and selfless service that characterized Jesus and the early church in the midst of a divisive political climate?
2. How can we, as Christians, navigate the tension between engaging in politics to pursue justice while also recognizing that true transformation comes from the heart?
3. What steps can we take to prioritize unity with other Christians, even those with different political views, and demonstrate to the world that our shared faith transcends political divides?
4. How can we ensure that our political engagement and the way we express our beliefs do not hinder our ability to show Christ's love and win others to Him?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the example of Jesus and his revolutionary approach to politics. Help us to engage in politics with wisdom, humility, and love. Give us the courage to work towards justice and the grace to maintain unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. May our political beliefs and actions always be rooted in our faith and our desire to love others as you have loved us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!