

Politics

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**Big Idea: Scripture informs our political values as we understand God's role for government.****CONNECT**

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Judges 17: 6, Psalms 119: 74
What could be wrong with everyone basing what they believe on how they feel?
How can we put trust in God's word today?
2. Psalm 146: 1 - 5
If we shouldn't put our faith in man, but in God, should we even bother voting?
How could our elected officials affect the Christian Church?
3. John 19: 10 - 11
Who ultimately established governments?
Would you say it is a Christian's duty to vote – why or why not?
If we should vote, how can we know how to vote?
4. Matthew 22: 21
Why wasn't Jesus too concerned about the Roman government, even though it was un-Godly?
What kingdom would you say He was more concerned with?
How do Political arguments divide a church?
How could focusing on the Kingdom of God overcome any political differences we may have?

5. 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 4
What are we called to do to for those in authority?
What could be some things we could pray for our leaders?

6. Proverbs 15: 1 – 4, James 1: 19 - 20
Why do some get so angry discussing politics?
How do harsh words stir up anger?
How can anger push people away rather than convince them?
What can be some practical ways to use a gentle answer to subdue anger?

7. Acts 5: 29
When would you say it is OK to not obey the government?
If we do have to disobey the government – how should we go about it?

8. Revelation 11: 15
What kingdom should we most want to see come into power?
In what ways can we help God's Kingdom spread today?
If we truly understand God's plan to bring His Kingdom, why do we get so upset with day to day things?

CHALLENGE

Register to vote, prepare yourself on who to vote for – then VOTE.

PRAYER

James 1: 5

What does this verse say to do if we lack wisdom?
How can this help in deciding how to vote?