

**The Politics of Christians**  
***I Pledge Allegiance Series***  
**Discussion Questions**

- What were your expectations coming into a series on faith and politics? What have been your biggest takeaways or points of conviction?
- Read **Matthew 22:15-22**.

What was the goal of the Herodians and Pharisees? What was the nature of their question?

What made their question hypocritical?

When Jesus says, “**render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s**”— how does he call people to engage with both the state and the Kingdom of God?

If a denarius belongs to Caesar because it has likeness and inscription on it, what belongs to God because it bears his image and likeness?

How do we practically engage with the state (*give to Caesar what is Caesar’s*) while giving our ultimate allegiance to God as our king?

- Read **Romans 13:1-7 & 1 Peter 2:13-17**.

Based on these verses, how do we engage in the politics of our day?

- What does it look like to constantly expand your kingdom ethic? How do you grow your understanding of the gospel and the implications it has on your life?

Discuss the practicality of reading the Scriptures in community and letting God’s word form your political worldview first.

- How do you examine the political strategies of our day and evaluate their overlap with the Kingdom ethics of Jesus?
- **QUOTE | “The Scripture warns against letting our hearts become co-opted by the kingdoms of this earth. If I can be frank, I think a massive problem in the church today, especially in the United States, is that Christians hold the Bible in one hand and secular politics in the other. We fail to let the former (the Bible) shape the latter (our politics). Or, even worse, we form opinions about secular politics and *then* go back to the Bible and use it to rubber stamp our pre-formed political views.” – Preston Sprinkle from *Exile***  
How can we think biblically first versus finding a chapter/verse to justify our political opinions?

- When we engage with a clear conscience (and trust that others are doing the same) it should lead us to charity and civility. How can this group be more committed to charity and civility than conflict and condemnation this political season?

What are your hopes for CCCC in 2024? How can we be a people of hope in a contentious political year?