



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

4/21/2024

MESSAGE: I Elect

WEEK# 3

SERIES: Mindsets

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKIN' IN: How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE: These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. What were some of your initial thoughts, political biases, fears, or assumptions going into this Mindset message series? Which ones changed? Which ones stayed the same? Which ones are you still wrestling with?
 2. How has the *Mindset* series changed or reshaped how you view politics as a Jesus follower?
 3. What would you say is your biggest take away from this message series? Do you feel you are better equipped to discuss politics with family, friends or foes? Why or why not?
 4. Read Jeremiah 29:7. We are exiles as citizens of heaven. How can you make the welfare of your home, place of employment, your neighborhood, where you do business, etc. the best they could be? Be Specific.
 5. How should Colossians 3:17, and verse 23 shape how we live life? What are some specific examples? Why do you think following this life perspective is crucial for the Jesus follower? How should these verses apply to how we vote?
 6. What is being said in Psalm 119:105? How can we apply this verse to how we live and even how we should vote?
 7. Ask God what He thinks! Read James 1:5 and Proverbs 2:6. What do they both say about wisdom? How can knowing these verses help you before and during the voting process? How can they help you with life in general?
 8. Kevin suggested that our voting should be an act of worship to God. What other areas in your life could and should be acts of worship to God? How will you express your worship in those areas? How will you worship God this year with your vote?
 9. Read Titus 3:1-2. How should we respond even if our candidate does not get elected? What specifically does Titus tell us to do? What should we avoid? Why is this such important behavior for the Jesus follower?
 10. Discuss this statement: The relationship (with friends, family, co-workers) is more important than my vote.
 11. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.
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2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE: We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
 2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
 3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
 - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
 - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
 - **Pray for the person on your right, it can be out loud or in silence,** if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
 - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
 - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church