

Message Based Questions 8/16/20

Politics & Religion – Part 3

Passages: Mark 12:13-17, Luke 6:20

1. What are the politics of Jesus?
2. What are some new observations from this passage (Mark 12) that stands out to you?
3. What was the cornerstone of Jesus Christ's teaching? (See Luke 4:43) How do the values that Jesus proclaimed (Luke 6:20-31) challenge you to live differently?
4. What values of the world (power, success, comfort, recognition) are you tempted to get tripped up by or trapped into? How can your group help you to transform your thinking and actions?

Applications to consider for this week. Choose one and share with someone to help you grow.

1. Pause, be still and quiet. Reflect on Psalm 46. Remember we serve a higher kingdom!
2. Get involved politically but not in simplistic, complacent, or primacy ways.
3. Listen, learn, and love more.
4. Pray for God's kingdom to come.
5. Do something about the issue you are passionate about; not just post about it on social media. Do for one, what you wish you could do for everyone!

Resources for this series:

- *Christians in an Age of Outrage* by Ed Stetzer
- *How the Nations Rage* by Jonathan Leeman. Free discussion guide and 10-day devotional at author's website: <https://9marks.myshopify.com/products/how-the-nations-rage>
- *God Politics* by Jim Wallis