

Message Based Questions 8/23/20

Politics & Religion – Part 4

Passages: John 13:34-35, Galatians 3:26-28

1. The power of one verse (1 John 2:6) impacted Pastor Rick this week. Which verse is speaking to you lately? How can you encourage one another to be in God's Word regularly?
2. Look at Galatians 3:26-28 and read out loud. How would these verses have been hard to believe in the first Century?
3. When we love well and are unified, it paints a picture of Jesus to the rest of the world. How do we do this practically in our families, small groups, and neighborhoods?
4. Big question for this series has been Are we willing to put our faith filter over our political filter? Discuss how you can encourage one another in this area.

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

1. Pray for unity through John 17; for our EFC family to be kingdom focused and for God's kingdom to come.
2. Do a YouVersion 5-day devotional on loving people that disagree with you:
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/20037/day/1?segment=0>
3. Experience worship and unity by viewing people from all over the world singing the worship song "The Blessing" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9EK8dAXI6I>

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