

HILL TO DIE ON

WHERE EVERYTHING CHANGED

HILL TO DIE ON, PART 2: POLITICS & RELIGION

It feels like everything today is louder, faster, and more divided than ever. Opinions aren't just ideas anymore—they've become identities. Conversations turn into conflicts. Disagreement feels like rejection. And as followers of Jesus, we feel the tension: **What hill am I actually standing on?** Because it's possible to be right about something... and completely wrong in spirit. If we're not careful, we'll spend our lives fighting on hills... that Jesus never climbed.

BIG IDEA: We live here but belong to another Kingdom

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever found yourself getting emotionally worked up over something you saw online or heard in a conversation? What was going on in that moment?
2. Why do you think it's so easy in our culture today to attach our identity to opinions, politics, or positions?
3. With the Bible or Bible App, read [Mark 12:13–17](#)

“Jesus said, ‘Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.’”

4. What trap were the religious leaders trying to set for Jesus?
5. What do you think Jesus means when He separates what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God?
6. Pastor Jimmy said, *“You bear the image of God—so you belong to Him.”* How should that truth shape your identity and decisions?
7. With the Bible or Bible App, read [Philippians 3:20](#)

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives...”

8. What does it mean to be a “citizen of heaven”? How should that change the way we live here and now?
9. Jimmy asked three heart-check questions:
 - What affects your emotions more: your relationship with God or what's happening in the world?
 - What do you talk about more: what God is doing or what's wrong?
 - What do you defend the fastest: your faith or your opinions?

Which of these stands out most to you and why?

10. Jimmy said that whatever you defend the most is what you value the most. What might your reactions reveal about what is shaping your identity right now?
11. What are some “hills” people are fighting on today that may not actually be worth dying on?
12. When you feel tension rising in a conversation, what would it look like to pause and ask:
“Am I representing my opinion... or Jesus?”
13. What would it look like for you this week to live more from your identity as a citizen of heaven?

MOVING FORWARD

We can't control culture, politics, or outcomes—but we can control who we are in the middle of it. This week, when you feel tension rising, pause and ask: **“What hill am I standing on right now?”** Choose to respond from your identity in Christ—not your emotions or opinions. Represent Jesus well.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.”
Philippians 3:20