



COMMUNITY Groups

April 14, 2024 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Discuss if / or how you have used Prayer: Jesus help me to love people who disagree with me politically.

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

Review the message –

- The premise of this series is pretty simple: Followers of Jesus are called to engage in politics like Jesus would.
- Jesus and the other NT writers instructed us extensively about how to interact with one another.
- Christians should vote for the candidate, the platform and the party that is going best to represent the values of the Kingdom of God.
- When you follow Jesus ‘how’ of politics, Jesus always calls us to start with the American in the mirror
- Politics is no exemption from following the way Jesus.

Read: Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

- Reflecting on the passage – What is Paul's main point here?
- What is Paul asking you to focus on and to think differently about?
- What are ways/approaches we can use to change how we may respond to others actively?
- Discuss your thoughts on: “You are not my enemy. You are a person with a different opinion. My party is not my Savior and King; Jesus is.”

Read: Luke 6:27-28

But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

- Reflect on the passage message.
- How can I (in my personal life)/ we (as a Christ-centered Body) put these three steps into play?
 - We don't have political enemies; we have people we disagree with.
 - Eliminate or add variety to your social media
 - Repent. Admit if you've not lived like a follower of Jesus.

CLOSING

- **Read: James 4:6**
- Reflect on how can I plant this scripture permanently in my heart:

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

- Discussion / thoughts on the phrase: “We aren't called to win, we're called love.”
- Pray