

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Some feel their role as an American citizen is reduced to a ballot that doesn't reflect their values. Some people feel a sense of political hopelessness, while others respond with hyper-patriotism. What should be the proper role of a Christian citizen when the political climate doesn't reflect their faith?

GETTING STARTED

1. Be brief: What is your opinion of the current state of politics?
2. To what degree are you open to Biblical ideas influencing your political values and practices, such as the act of voting?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read 1 Peter 2:9-21. What do you find attractive about being part of a "holy nation?" What do you find challenging?
4. Sean made the statement, "We are not called to put our hope in one nation, but to be the one hope for all nations." How does that statement either confirm or challenge your current views? How does this effect your political values and practices?
5. In what way do you find it difficult to submit to governing authorities (Romans 13:1)? Do you resist because you aren't submitted? Or, do you resist because you asked to disobey God? How do you tell the difference?

NEXT STEPS

6. Have you every participated in civil disobedience? Under what situations would you feel this would be necessary? Are you prepared? Why or why not?
7. What is a practical action step you can take in response to this discussion?