

Thinking Biblically about Politics:

There is nothing more decisive in today's world than the topic of politics. As Christians, how should we navigate such rough waters? We must first remember that we are all unified to one another by the atoning blood of Jesus Christ. This truth unites all believers, no matter what political party you might associate yourself with. The Bible is clear, Christ has authority over all things. God has created governments and uses governments to enact justice on the world. Believers are called to submit to their government so they may live a peaceful life. God has placed people in seats of authority and tells His people to pray for them. Believers need to be the first people to pray for the men and women that God has placed over us. That they would seek His wisdom and His justice as they lead our country, our state and our cities or counties. Believers should also be engaged in their government. Supporting the government when it does something right and denouncing it when it does something wrong. Politics are decisive. Believers are united in Christ. May the world see that even though we hold different views on politics and how the government should work, we are united in our common goal of reaching a lost world for Christ and in so doing that, bring honor to God.

Supporting Scriptures:

- Matthew 28:18
- Ephesians 4:4-6
- Romans 13:1-7
- 1st Peter 2:13-15
- Acts 4:19-20

Family Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that Jesus has been given “all authority in heaven and on earth”?
2. Why is it important that Christians know that they are unified in Christ and not their political beliefs?
3. What does it look like for a Christian to submit themselves to the government?
4. The Bible teaches that Christians should submit themselves to their government so they can live a “peaceful life”. Why would Christians want to live a peaceful life?
5. How often do you as a family pray for the leaders of your county/city, state, or national government?

Action Steps from Pastor Doug's Sermon:

1. Pray for our Leaders
2. Participate in Government
3. Practice Humility
4. Prioritize the Gospel