

In God We Trust Government

Group Study Questions

Opening Question:

If you could have dinner with any political figure from history, who would it be and why?

General Observation:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Was there anything that surprised or challenged you?

Understanding the Message:

2. The pastor emphasized "voting your values." What does this mean to you, and why do you think he considers it important for Christians?

3. According to Romans 13:1-7, what are the two main roles of government? How does this compare to your previous understanding of government's purpose?

4. The sermon mentioned examples from the Bible where people chose to follow God's law over human law (e.g., the midwives in Exodus, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego). Can you think of other Biblical examples of this principle?

Personal Application:

5. How do you balance being a good citizen with being faithful to your Christian beliefs? Have you ever experienced tension between the two?

6. The pastor discussed several policy issues (abortion, marriage, Israel, immigration). Which of these topics do you find most challenging to approach from a Biblical perspective, and why?

7. How comfortable do you feel discussing political issues in light of your faith? What makes it easy or difficult for you?

Action Steps:

8. What is one concrete step you can take this week to become more informed about political issues from a Christian perspective?

9. How can you respectfully engage with others who may have different political views while still maintaining your Christian witness?

Sample Prayer:

Lord, we thank You for the privilege of living in a country where we can participate in the political process. Give us wisdom as we seek to honor You with our citizenship. Help us to be salt and light in our communities, standing firm in Your truth while showing love to all. Guide our nation's leaders and help us to be faithful in praying for them. In Jesus' name, Amen.