

# FAITH AND POLITICS

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message explored the delicate balance between our faith and political role, emphasizing the importance of maintaining a biblical worldview. The message encourages believers to prioritize their faith in Christ over political identities. As believers, we are called to be salt and light in all aspects of life, including politics, while always prioritizing our allegiance to the Kingdom of God first. This means we engage with grace, love, and truth to avoid conforming to worldly patterns (Romans 12:2).

As we begin this discussion, let's remember that our shared faith in Christ is what unites us, not our political affiliations. Our goal is to engage with grace, respect, and a commitment to the Love of Christ.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really? How much tension do you feel with this subject...really? Are there any ground rules we need to establish before having this discussion?
2. Read Romans 12:1-2: How can Christians navigate the balance between staying true to biblical values while engaging in political discussions?
3. Read Daniel 6:4-5: The Bible presents examples of people of faith who influenced governments, such as Joseph, Daniel, and Esther. What lessons can we draw from their leadership?
4. In what ways can the church offer a different perspective in political discussions compared to the world? (Matthew 5:13-15; 43-44)
5. In what ways might we be passively abdicating our God-given responsibilities in government, family, or church? How can we step into a more active leadership?
6. How can we cultivate a perspective that keeps God's sovereignty at the forefront, regardless of political outcomes?
7. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2: End your group time prayer as instructed by Paul.