

Following Jesus through a turbulent election.

This week's reading: OPEN

Discussion Guide: October 27, 2024

CHECK UP:

Memory Work: But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
- Joshua 24:15b

Did you take any intentional steps in leading your family or partnering with another family this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ each passage and ask how each passage speaks to following Jesus in the midst of a turbulent election:

2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11-12; Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 6:12; Matthew 5:3-16, 5:43-48; John 13:34-35; Isaiah 5:20; Romans 1:32; Matthew 5:19; Ephesians 4:31; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2, Hebrews 12:1-2 (keep Hebrews 11 in mind)

- Which of these do you think you do well with?
- Which do you struggle with?
- What are you most challenged by with these passages?
- Which passage do you need to commit to memory?

APPLY:

- What opportunities do you have to be salt and light during this election season?
 - o How can you use political tensions for the purpose of disciple making?
- Turbulent elections often reveal the fruit of our discipleship. What fruit do you see in your life? Is it healthy or unhealthy fruit?
- NEXT STEP: What is one thing you need to repent of and one thing you can proactively do to be salt and light in this election season?

Memory Work:

See fourth question under passages above.

Next Week's Reading:

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Resource:

Following Jesus in a Politically Divided World by Daniel McCoy and John Whittaker



Sermon Points:

How do we follow Jesus during a turbulent election?

- 1) Remember who you are (2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Philippians 3:20; 1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - 2) Make mission the top priority (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 3) Character is of utmost importance (Matthew 5:3-16, 5:43-48; John 13:34-35)
 - 4) Remember morality matters (Isaiah 5:20; Romans 1:32)
- 5) Don't fall victim to the culprit of slander (Matthew 15:19; Ephesians 4:31)
 - 6) Use the weapon of prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-6)
- 7) We are instructed to be good citizens in this world (Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2)
 - 8) Keep an eternal perspective (Hebrews 11:1-12:2)