

The Gospel Changes Everything *Small Group Discussion*

FOUR POLITICS (AND OTHER IDOLS)

DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

Discuss and reflect on the ways our faith is challenged and influences our political views and other idols.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Why have so many efforts to change our world proven ineffective, or even destructive? What does it mean to be a faithful presence of Christ in this world? This series will explore how the church can play a role in affecting positive change. The gospel, rather than politics or worldly power or wealth or social media or reclusiveness, changes everything.

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

When you were growing up, what do you remember hearing/talking about with your parents regarding politics?

What is your current comfort level discussing politics with others?

Would you ever consider running for an elected position?

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this?*

2 Samuel 7:16

¹⁶Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

John 19:36

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

Revelation 11:15

¹⁵"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

What do we know about God's kingdom and rule?

How does this influence our view of politics?

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How does this passage/discussion fit into the story of the Gospel?

Story of the Good News of Jesus.

Creation

God makes all things and they are good

Fall

God's people turn away from God, things are broken. Death and sin rule over all things.

Redemption

God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, rescues his people and defeats death and sin.

Restoration

Jesus returns to be with his people, end all brokenness, and make all things right.

THE GOSPEL *The Good News of Jesus*

How have we put politics in place of the gospel?

In what ways have we seen society's view of the gospel change, due to political views/politicians?

How is your political engagement helping your faith life? Are there ways your involvement is hindering your spiritual growth?

Accountability/Reflection

Share together and pray for each other

TOOK *What will you take away from today's discussion?*

Possible questions to consider:

Consider what God is telling you *stop, start, change, or continue.*

What part of the gospel do you forget and need to remember this week?

Who do you know who needs to know the truth you discussed today?