



Part 1: Check Yourself

During these challenging and tense times, many feel pressured to choose a side, platform, or candidate. However, before trying to discern how our faith shapes our politics, we need to check the condition of our hearts.

Discussion Questions:

David Platt said, “Followers of Jesus should be submissive citizens of government with ultimate allegiance to God.” How can we practically be submissive citizens of government?

Given your current season of life, what is competing for your allegiance? Where is your allegiance, and to whom or what does it belong?

Spiritual self-satisfaction is manifest in the concept of lukewarm Christianity. What are the dangers to yourself of being a lukewarm Christian? To other Christians? To non-Christians?

Social justice should be a desire that springs forth from our foundation in the gospel. However, it is not the gospel itself. How does this sit with you?

In our day-to-day lives, how can we passionately pursue Jesus wholeheartedly?

As Christians, we can have both certainty and humility. Where does scripture fit into this balance? Where do politics fit into this balance?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. What is the function of human government? What does Peter say is the will of God?

Read Matthew 13:1-23. Consider your own soil and the seeds that have been planted. How is this parable applicable to your life right now?

How does understanding God’s sovereignty give us both certainty and humility?