

GRACE POINT

Asking For A Friend Part 1: What is Jesus' Take On Politics

John 17:21, 13:34-35, Matthew 16:18

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. On a scale from 1(lowest) to 10(highest), how interested are you in politics?
3. What do you look forward to most—and dread most—about election years?
4. Outside of your workplace, think of the people you interact with most. What percentage of those people think pretty much the same way as you politically?
5. In all honesty, which of these describes you best? Why do you say that?
 - I evaluate my politics through the filter of my faith.
 - I create a version of faith that supports my politics.
6. Read John 17:20-23, where Jesus offers a prayer for future believers.
 - What stands out to you?
 - In verse 23, Jesus prays for unity. How would you define unity?
 - According to Jesus's prayer, why is unity so important?
7. When it comes to politics and moving toward unity, what's a next step for you?

MOVING FORWARD

Some people love talking about politics. Other people hate talking about politics. But pretty much everybody stays away from mixing politics and church. But... why? Both arena's affect our lives in practical ways so why do we stumble over ourselves? While we might not agree on every political talking point, we must not let them divide us.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35