

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

April 6th & 7th, 2024



Paul writes in **1 Timothy 2:1-4**:

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Before diving into this study/discussion, spend a few minutes praying for our elected officials!

1. As we dive into discussing what the Bible has to say about politics, it's good to acknowledge where we're starting from. What kind of political leanings did/do your parents have? What or who has most shaped the way you think about politics?
2. How would you rate your level of interest/involvement in politics? (1 = don't know, don't care. 10 = Probably care too much).

3. This week focused on our dual citizenship in the Kingdoms of this World and the Kingdom of God. How would you explain to a friend what the Kingdom of God is? How is it different than the Kingdoms of this World?
4. What are some areas of life or politics where our allegiance to Jesus' Kingdom might bring us into conflict with the earthly kingdom we belong to?
5. In John 18:36 says, "Jesus 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.'" What are some "worldly" ways of engaging in politics members of Jesus' kingdom should reject?
6. Agree or Disagree: The church should be more political, but less partisan. Why or why not?
7. In the messages this weekend we heard that the church is supposed to act now as a working model of the New Creation. In what ways can we as a church live as a community that points ahead to the ultimate Kingdom of God?
8. Is there anything related to politics that the Holy Spirit is correcting or convicting you about that you need to address in your life?