

'Politics'

From the series: Conversations... on life, God, and other small topics – 10/28/12

BIG IDEA

Politics is often one of those topics you're not suppose to talk about, but its an important part of our lives. As Christians we understand that God establishes kings & kingdoms (ie. governments) and that Jesus is ultimately King over everything. This means that in the present time, we live as citizens of two realms – the kingdom of man and the kingdom of God. In doing this, we submit and pray for the government while our ultimate allegiance is to God.

QUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- Read [Daniel 2:20-23](#) and [Philippians 2:9-11](#). What does this tell us about God's involvement with the political order? How should this influence or shape our involvement in politics?
- How does God's control and sovereignty give us hope when we look at politics in this world? Specifically, how do we make sense of the many evil rulers ruling throughout the world and yet Scripture makes clear that it is God who *"removes kings and sets up other kings"*?

Engaging the Heart::

- As citizens of the 'City of God', we are called by King Jesus to pray for, respect, honor and submit to the leaders and rulers of the 'City of Man.' Is this hard for you to do? If yes, why? Do you believe that the actions and attitudes of those who belong to the 'City of God' can actually have an impact on the political landscape within the 'City of Man'? Consider [Daniel 4:34-37](#) – the heart change of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Engaging the Hands::

- If our ultimate hope is in the Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of man, how can we live this out day to day, week to week?

1 Timothy 2:1-2 – *"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity."*

Paul instructs us that we are to pray for **ALL** people, but specifically calls us to pray for those in authority. Please take some time to pray for our Government leaders and those in positions of authority. Pray that God would help them and lead them with what they have been entrusted with.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Art & Abolition** is this Sunday, November 4th @7PM – through song & story, singer song-writer and modern day abolitionist PW Gopal will lead a forum discussion on human trafficking. It will be a powerful evening of learning not only of the devastating realities of human trafficking in our culture, but how we, the local church can begin to come alongside those who have been trafficked.
- **the City** – join GENESIS on the City! The City is a NEW way for GENESIS to communicate and connect people with others within the community. Request an invitation to join the City by going to genesischurch.onthecity.org
- **'workers'** – sign-up today to be a 'worker' at GENESIS. Learn more about SERVING with GENESIS by visiting the GENESIS website – <http://www.genesisjourney.com/blog/post/do-you-see-what-i-see>
- **This Sunday** – GENESIS will continue the 'Conversation' this Sunday by looking at – **Religion**. Singer – song-writer and modern day abolitionist PW Gopal will be leading worship at both the 9AM & 11AM gatherings.

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