

DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT

GENESIS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

HEART BEHIND THE SERIES

The world tells us that there are certain things we shouldn't talk about. Things like race, sexuality, money, and politics. But we serve a God who isn't silent on these issues and has made His heart known to us in the pages of Scripture. For that reason, we do not want to be silent on those issues either. We want to **REFLECT** well the heart of God as **REVEALED** in the Word of God so that the world would get to **SEE** God!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Pray for your Group
2. Read this weeks verses (**Daniel 2:20-21; Matthew 10:2-4; 16:22-23; John 19:10-11; Romans 14:1. 4; 1 Timothy 2:1-3**) and assign them to your Group
3. Familiarize yourself with the discussion questions
4. Have a great Group!

THIS WEEK'S VERSES

- **Daniel 2:20** —²⁰ He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars."
- **Matthew 10:2-4** — ² Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (also called Peter), then Andrew (Peter's brother), James (son of Zebedee), John (James's brother), ³ Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, **Matthew (the tax collector)**, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus,* ⁴ **Simon (the zealot)**, Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him)."
- **Matthew 16:22-23** — "But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him* for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."
- **John 19:10-11** — "Why don't you talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?" ¹¹ Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."
- **Romans 14:1, 4** — "Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong... Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval"
- **1 Timothy 2:1-3** — "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. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“Politics mostly follows culture rather than leading it. A temporary victory in the voting booth does not reverse a downward moral trend driven by cultural gatekeepers in news media, entertainment, art, and education. Politics is not a cure-all.” – **Vern Poythress**

“Accordingly, two cities have been formed by two loves: the earthly by the love of self, even to the contempt of God; the heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self.” – **St. Augustine**

“The Kingdom is not riding on whatever happens on election day and the church's mission isn't going to change regardless of what happens on Election Day.” – **Albert Mohler**

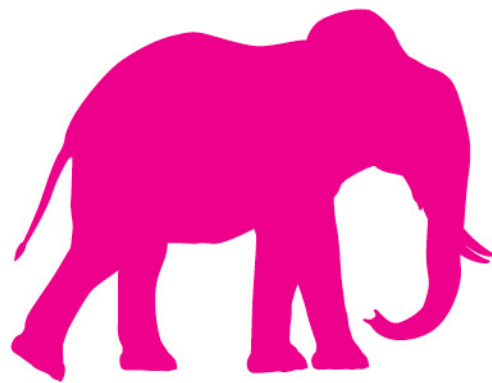
“In their ambition to rid their country of Roman rule, the Zealots were prepared to assassinate anyone. If Matthew had met Simon the Zealot before they both met Christ, Simon would have been quite prepared to kill him.” – **John Philipps**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

TWO FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS

- *God's Kingdom is greater than the kingdom of man*
- *God is sovereign over the kingdom of man*

1. How did you come about your political views? What caused you to have a certain view over another one?
2. How is this political season some people's only hope for change in this world? What hope do we have as Christians? What role can and should the Church play in bringing hope to the world?
3. As Christians, how do we balance being a citizen of God's Kingdom, while also living as a citizen of America?
4. What are some ways you have seen God moving in spite of this political season? In what ways are you being challenged to trust that God is in control?
5. Why is it so hard to believe that God raises up our rulers? That He will even raise up wicked rulers to sometimes accomplish His purposes?
6. How often are you praying for our politicians and leaders? Does our grumbling or disappointments change anything?
7. Can you imagine God saving Donald or Hillary? If not, why?
8. How can we have unity with others in this difficult season?



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