



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions
Topic: *A Christian Citizen Living in the Tension
of Two Loyalties*
Text: Philippians 3:20
Service Date: July 5, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- When you think about your identity, what are some of the things that shape who you are (family, hometown, nation, faith, experiences)? Which one feels most significant to you and why?
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Sermon Discussion

- The sermon began with the idea of archaeology uncovering the past. If someone could “dig up” evidence of your life 250 years from now, what would you hope they would discover about what mattered most to you?
- The message described the tension of having two loyalties: being a citizen of a nation and a citizen of God's Kingdom. When have you felt tension between those two identities?
- What do you think it looks like to have a healthy love for your country without allowing patriotism to replace devotion to God?
- Bruce Ashford said patriotism should not be “uncritical”, but should include both appreciation and a willingness to resist what is unjust. How can Christians balance gratitude for their nation with a willingness to speak honestly about its flaws?
- Read Philippians 3:20. How does remembering that “our citizenship is in heaven” affect the way we view our earthly citizenship?
- The sermon highlighted gratitude for the resources and prosperity of our nation. What are some blessings we may overlook because we are used to them?
- Read Psalm 33:12 and Psalm 65:9-11. How should recognizing God's blessings change the way we respond—with gratitude, humility, responsibility, or something else?
- The sermon shared examples of Christians around the world facing persecution. How should knowing about the experiences of believers in other nations change the way we pray, serve, or think globally?

- Read Galatians 3:28 and Ephesians 2:19. How do these passages challenge an “us vs. them” mindset when it comes to people from different cultures, nations, or backgrounds?
 - Jesus crossed cultural, ethnic, and social boundaries. What are some practical ways Christians today can demonstrate the compassion of Christ across those boundaries?
 - Read John 18:33-37. What does Jesus mean when He says, “My kingdom is not of this world,” and how should that shape the way we engage with politics, culture, and society?
 - Daniel lived faithfully in a nation that was not his true home. What can we learn from Daniel about seeking the good of where we live while remaining loyal to God?
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This Week’s Action Response

- If people 250 years from now looked at the “archaeological evidence” of your life, what would convince them that Jesus—not comfort, success, politics, or anything else—was truly your King?