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FACT CHECK 

"WHY CAESAR IS CALLED LITTLE"

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MESSAGE NOTES

...will I _____ my political views through faith/Jesus, or will I create a version of faith that supports my politics?

What filter(s) are we using to look at last Tuesday’s election, and how are those filters impacting our _____ and thoughts about the future?

1. We Come to Conclusions About People’s _____...

...by using a _____ we don’t use for ourselves.

We often _____ someone’s actions/behavior to their character (including their political opinions); but in thinking about _____ we use a different filter.

Note 2 Corinthians 5:16

2. Because Jesus is the _____ of _____...

...then faith has to be our _____ filter...

Because Jesus is our King, He’s not an _____ to a political platform/speech.

Jesus the King came to _____ the order of things (note Matthew 20:25-27).

3. Counter-Cultural _____

From the very start, the Church is still the most _____ group of people ever assembled.

Never before in human history had words like this ever been _____ (note Galatians 3:28).

Pliny the Younger's letter to Emperor Trajan...

4. Why Caesar is Actually _____

As important as last Tuesday's election results seem to be, one day it will be a "small blip on the radar screen of _____" (Ingram).

The Christian faith, without land, military power, and political leverage, was built on 2 ideas that were then (and even today), regarded as _____ propositions:

- Love your _____
- Love one another.

Make sure to fact check:

- However long the United States exists, it will not _____ or be greater in any way to the Church Jesus has been and is building.
- Our common ground isn't a political party, candidate, or _____..
- ...but Jesus' _____
- Disagree politically, _____ unconditionally, and be united so Jesus' mission of reaching lost people happens.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital or in person).



SMALL GROUP
guide on the back



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: You're buying a new house and \$\$ is no object. Do you go for sleek and modern, a fixer upper or something with old world craftsmanship and character?

1. Read [2 Corinthians 5:16](#). Pastor Tom challenged us on how we use different filters for ourselves and others. How have you seen this in yourself during this pandemic season and election cycle?
2. How would putting [2 Corinthians 5:16](#) into practice change your thinking about those around you?
3. Which of your citizenships have taken priority lately, and how has that shown your confidence in Jesus as King of Kings and "not an asterisk to a political platform/speech?"
4. Going forward, what would it look like, in your life, to have those priorities in the right order, living out counter-cultural unity? Read [Galatians 3:28](#).
5. As important as last Tuesday's election results seem to be, one day it will be a "small blip on the radar screen of history" (Ingram). How could this change your thinking about how you relate to and interact with others today?
6. What are some practical ways that you can love your enemies and one another this week?
7. Take some time to pray together that you can live out Pastor Tom's last statement; "Disagree politically, love unconditionally, and be united so Jesus' mission of reaching lost people happens."

Day One: John 11

Day Two: John 12

Day Three: John 13

Day Four: John 14

Day Five: John 15

PERSONAL GUIDE



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1. We Come to Conclusions About People's Character...

...by using a filter we don't use for ourselves.

We often equate someone's actions/behavior to their character (including their political opinions); but in thinking about ourselves we use a different filter.

Note 2 Corinthians 5:16

2. Because Jesus is the King of kings...

...then faith has to be our primary filter...

Because Jesus is our King, He's not an asterisk to a political platform/speech. Jesus the King came to reverse the order of things (note Matthew 20:25-27).

3. Counter-Cultural Unity

From the very start, the Church is still the most remarkable group of people ever assembled.

Never before in human history had words like this ever been declared (note Galatians 3:28)

4. Why Caesar is Actually Little

As important as last Tuesday's election results seem to be, one day it will be a "small blip on the radar screen of history" (Ingram).

The Christian faith, without land, military power, and political leverage, was built on 2 ideas that were then (and even today), regarded as losing propositions:

- Love your enemies.
- Love one another.

Make sure to fact check:

- However long the United States exists, it will not outlast or be greater in any way to the Church Jesus has been and is building.
- Our common ground isn't a political party, candidate, or election...
- ...but Jesus' cross.
- Disagree politically, love unconditionally, and be united so Jesus' mission of reaching lost people happens.

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