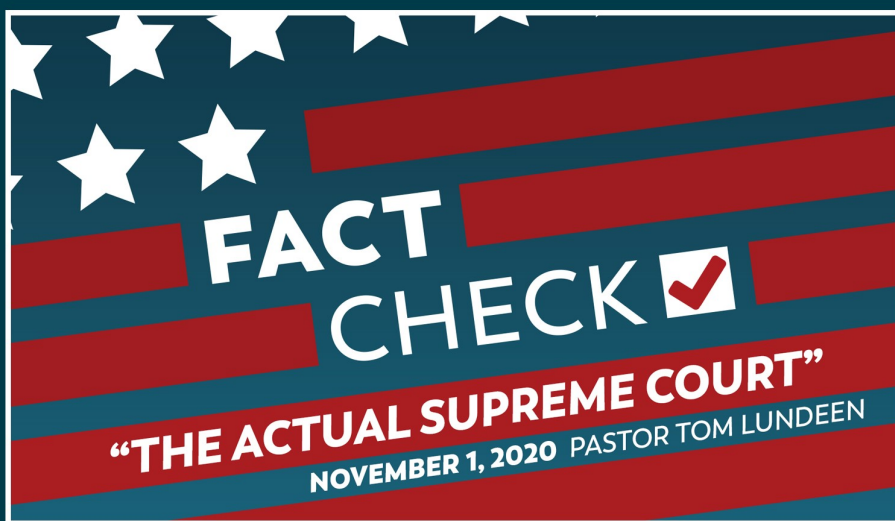




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MYRC.CHURCH



“THE ACTUAL SUPREME COURT”

TOM LUNDEEN, SENIOR PASTOR

MESSAGE NOTES

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How do we navigate a _____ political atmosphere personally and with the people our paths cross with on a regular basis?

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Note [Mark 12:28-31](#); [John 13:34](#)

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Jesus told us that instead of _____ + Old Testament laws to try to keep track of and follow, because of His amazing love expressed in His death, burial, and resurrection, everything God wants and designed us for is perfectly _____ in this *supreme court* with God's love in us and through us the only law that really matters (note [Galatians 5:6](#)).

This isn't just an individual thing...it's something that is intended to impact and influence the _____ (note [John 13:35](#)).

So how should the *Law of Christ* _____ our politics?

2. By Awakening Personal and National _____

Every human being has a God-given _____ conscience (note [Romans 2:15](#)).

Note 1 [Timothy 4:2](#); [Isaiah 5:20](#)

Human history shows that moral confusion and _____ consciences are commonplace.

For that some should rule and others ruled is a thing not only necessary, but

expedient; from the hour of their birth, some are marked out for subjection (slavery), others for rule. (_____)

Emperor Constantine declared _____ a crime (318 AD).

When the *Law of Christ* informs, challenges, and influences an individual or a culture's conscience, that's what creates the _____ and momentum for change in lives and societies.

3. By _____ Real Love Into Our Politics

Politics, at it's very foundation, is _____

So the *Law of Christ*...has to be at the _____ of our political engagement.

So how do we choose for the highest good of people we _____ with politically?

- A. _____ and learn—...be a student and not just a _____
Keep in mind *Miles Law* (*Where you _____ depends on where you sit.* –Rufus Miles)
- B. _____
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Make sure to fact check:

- 1st century Jesus followers seemed _____ under the awesome political might of the Roman Empire.
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- It's the _____ of Jesus that matters most (note [1 Corinthians 9:19-21](#)).
- Nations and empires _____
- But Jesus said (note [Matthew 16:18](#)).
- He _____. He _____
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What was your least favorite food as a child? Do you like it now?

1. The national election is this week. How are you processing it today?
2. What is the Law of Christ? (See [1Corinthian 9:19-21](#) and [Galatians 6:2](#))
3. Jesus perfectly summarized 600+ Old Testament laws in [Mark 12:28-34](#). What did Jesus ask of us? Is it easier to add more to Jesus' command to love God and others or to simply do it? Explain.
4. Pastor Tom explained that human history shows that moral confusion and dulled consciences are commonplace. How does our living out of the Law of Christ awaken both personal and national conscience?
5. Pastor Tom outlined three ways we can choose the highest good of people we disagree with politically (listen and learn, pray, find practical ways to express love to others). Which of these have you struggled with recently? Which have you found success in?
6. What are some practical ways we can do these three things as a group?

Day One: John 6

Day Two: John 7

Day Three: John 8

Day Four: John 9

Day Five: John 10

PERSONAL GUIDE



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