

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM

Politics

November 4, 2018

Scripture:

Romans 13:1-7, Acts 5:27-32, Matthew 5:44, Joshua 5

Last Week:

We closed out our series Level Up as Tim gave us a great challenge to always be ready to share the good news that we have been entrusted. He honed in on four specific things that we can do in order to be impactful in keeping our attention on Paul's direction:

Be Prepared
Be Patient
Be Consistent
Be Courageous

What steps did you take this past week in order to apply this passage to your life?

Icebreaker:

What was the last time you got a traffic ticket? How did you feel about the police officer?

Introduction:

God is not a republican. God is not a democrat. God is God. As a follower of Jesus, we are called to love God and love people (period). Everything else we do, must be in light of those 2 things. Use this guide to think through this week's message and how this plays out in the life of a Christ follower when it comes to politics.

Digging Deeper:

What stood out to you this week from the message?

No matter what you believe, talk about a time when your beliefs challenged you. (Or maybe got you into some trouble.)

Which is harder: talking about your faith or how you vote? Why?

We believe you are made in God's image. Discuss with your group what it would mean to believe that and live in America.

Read Romans 13:1-7

What stands out to you about this passage?

Why does Paul say we should submit to governing authorities?

Compare this passage with **Acts 5:27-32**.

What is the difference between submitting to authorities and unconditionally obeying them?

Who are the authorities in your life? How well have you related to them? How could you do better?

Read Matthew 5:44

Jesus said something pretty crazy here, what does this even look like?

How was your walk with the Lord this week? Did you feel more submitted or rebellious in that relationship?

Challenge:

Pick a time this week and do something in the Radical Middle. Take someone with a different point of view out to coffee. Unplug the social media. Or pray for those who are different than you.