

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE SIN OF INACTION  
Stand-Alone Sermon

**ICEBREAKER:** How has God changed you?

**OVERVIEW:** Christians generally take one of three approaches to politics. First, some just focus on evangelism and discipleship and ignore politics. Second, some obsess over politics and neglect evangelism and discipleship. Both of these are wrong. The third and right approach is for Christians to fully engage in the political realm as servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is part of our overall purpose of loving God and loving others. In this discussion we will go deeper with the importance of Christian citizenship.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Many pastors avoid preaching about politics. Why do you think this is? Do you think it is important for pastors to address politics from the pulpit? Explain.
3. Of the ninety million evangelical Christians in America, about half do not vote. There are many reasons for this — apathy, ignorance, hubris, hopelessness, and irresponsibility. What did the pastor mean by each of these? Which is the most common? Why are each of these reasons for not engaging in politics wrong?
4. What is the sin of inaction? What are some examples unrelated to politics?

5. What can we learn from the story of Esther about civic engagement?
6. What are some of the potential consequences if Christians are politically inactive?
7. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. What are Christians commanded to do? How do you need to improve at this? How does this passage teach us to pray for our government?
8. How do you need to get more engaged in politics?

**The Last Word:** “Every time we go into the voting booth, we are choosing the moral and spiritual direction of our nation. That is a privilege and responsibility that should not be abdicated.” Robert Jeffress