

DISCUSSION GUIDE

HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD VOTE

1 Timothy 2:1-2

ICEBREAKER: Can a person know for sure that he or she is going to heaven? Why or why not?

OVERVIEW: To celebrate our nation's semiquincentennial, this week we are talking about how Christians should vote so that the USA can remain the strongest, most free, and most prosperous nation in the history of the world.

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. Are you thankful that you live in the USA? Explain.
3. Are you an active voter? Explain.
4. Should politics be discussed in church? Explain.
5. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 and answer the following questions:
 - a. What are Christians commanded to do?

- b. Why are Christians commanded to do these things?
- c. What is the government supposed to do? How well does the U.S. and your state and local governments fulfill this function?

6. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2 and refer to the sermon for the following questions. Should Christians vote? Explain.
7. What does it mean to vote for the lesser of two evils, and should Christians do it?
8. According to the text, what are Christians commanded to do?
9. According to the text, what are the three essential functions of government?
10. How does this passage equip Christians to be better voters?

The Last Word: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigues of supporting it."
Thomas Paine

