

JESUS' RESPONSE
TO THE

JESUS, JUSTICE, AND POLITICS

REAL ISSUES
OF THE WORLD

**GROUP
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**

Week 1

CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- Were politics something your family talked about growing up? If so, what were those conversations like?
- How does it make you feel to hear we are talking about politics?
- Discipleship Check-in

INTRODUCTION

This week we are talking about politics. For some of us this is an area where we feel very comfortable. For others that might not be true. But as always, Jesus is going to challenge the way we view politics and the government. He is going to give us a new and more powerful way to interact with this subject. First, let's take sometime to pray that we would have ears to hear what Jesus is saying and how he is calling us to apply it to our lives.

TRUTH

READ

Mark 12:13-17

DISCUSS

- What about the Pharisees is hypocritical?
- Why do you think the Pharisees and Herodians marveled at Jesus?

TRUTH

READ

Mark 12:1-12

DISCUSS

- Why did the tenants do what they did?
- How does this parable shed light on how we operate in a political system?

GRACE

DISCUSS

In this parable, the tenants are more concerned about using the vineyard to gain their own power rather than serving its owner. This rings true today. People often seek power before they seek to serve others. Jesus showed us another way. The gospel flips this paradigm upside down. Jesus found power by first serving those around him. What specific examples in Jesus' life do you see him living this out?

CHANGE

DISCUSS

- Where in your life do you fall into the lie that we must use power to bring about what we want to see in the world?
- How do we wield love and service instead of power when we interact with the government or the world?

PRAYER

Praise Jesus for being different than the world and for ushering a Kingdom that doesn't use power to get what it wants, but love and service. Pray that you would be listening to the Holy Spirit this week and how he is calling you to live out love and service in every area of your lives.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?

*LEADER'S NOTE

In the coming weeks we will be covering very difficult topics ranging from race to gender. It is important that as we prepare for groups and the conversations we will be having that we are taking time to pray for our groups and walking in the Spirit in the midst of them. Don't ever feel like you have to have an answer to everyone's questions. When you feel like you need additional wisdom and guidance feel free to reach out to your section leader or Sarah or Pastor Donny or Pastor Quentin. Also encourage your groups to attend the Beyond The Sermon series conversations that will be happening over Zoom with Pastor Adam on Sunday evenings.



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