

In God We Trust

A lot is happening in our nation right now, and there's division. Should we vote Republican or Democrat? Pro-life or pro-justice? Character or values? Or is there something greater we should consider? God has answers to these questions, and we ought to consider them as we step into AND out of the voting booth.



INTRODUCTION

Pastor David discussed how Scripture and the values of our church can influence our thoughts and actions about politics and the election process.

STARTER QUESTION

What thoughts came to mind when Pastor David asked us, "How should we, as believers, vote?" When we vote, in what or whom do you find your hope and why?

INTO THE WORD

What does God's Word say about wisdom, knowledge, and those in authority (Daniel 2:21 and Romans 13:1-2)? How can we put our trust in God into practice when electing our leaders?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Explain how this verse can guide our thinking and actions during this election season and into the future once the election results are tallied?

APPLICATION

In the news every day we see conflict being caused by the upcoming election. Is there a time when you were part of or witnessed an election conflict? Did you or someone else offend another person? Was a friendship compromised due to the conflict? Could the situation have been handled differently?

As Christians, the world looks to us and how we act and react to elections and other events that are impacting our nation. What are some things that you can do to ensure that you are promoting oneness and love within your personal and professional relationships as Jesus instructed us to do? (John 17:20-21).

Pastor David spoke about "protecting life" and "preserving life." Some may think that each of these values belong to a particular political party. Are these values mutually exclusive? What have you done (or can you do) to support both values?

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, as we go through this tumultuous election year, please help us to vote and act with our Christian faith shining through. Help us to remember that You are in control. May we trust You and love others as You love us, even when it is difficult to do so. No matter who wins the various races in our local areas and in the nation, we ask that they be guided by Your wisdom and by Your love. Amen.