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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Have you ever thought of seeking a civic or political office? If you were convinced to run, what office would you seek?

OR

Have you ever engaged in political activism and if so, over what issue or candidate?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Read Matthew 5:13-16.

What most stood out to you from David's message?

When you think of being salt and light in this world, what specifically comes to your mind?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

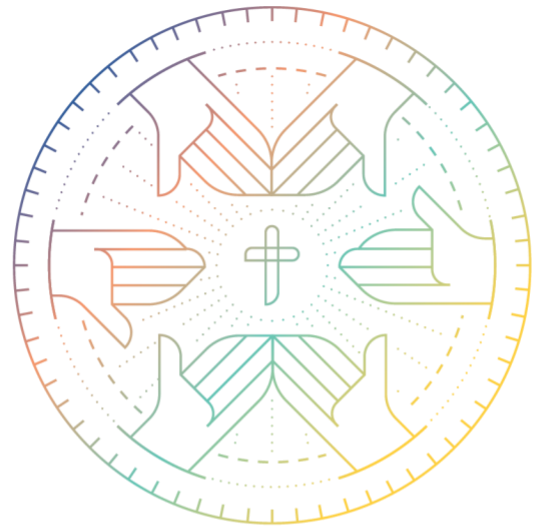
Read John 18:36 and Philippians 3:20-21. As you contrast these Scriptures with the passage just read from Matthew 5, how do you understand the balance between living for the Kingdom from the heavens and living humanly in this world? What does that balance look like for you?

Read 1 Cor. 7:31. How does knowing that this world is passing away affect the way you seek to influence the people and the world around you? Does it add intensity to how you're engaging with the world around you? Why or why not?

Why is it so important to work to diminish participation in sin in our society?

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Read Galatians 2:20. Have you known or met someone whose identity is their activism instead of their relationship with Christ? What are the problems with such an approach to life?

Read 1Cor. 12:4-6. What is one area of passion or service wherein you might consider adopting a more activist approach?

APPLICATION (20 MINUTES)

What is one way you can apply this sermon to your life? What might need to change? What might need to be added or stopped?

Pray in your small groups for the election coming on November 7; for the moral issues on the ballot; for any candidates or authorities who come to your mind as you pray.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for calling us to be salt and light in this world. Apart from you we would never be able to bring about change or to influence the people around us. Help us to be ambassadors for the gospel of Jesus Christ and to help people understand the love that God has for them. Help us to make a difference in the neighborhoods and communities in which we live. As we are citizens in your kingdom, help us to live redemptively in this world. Amen.

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