

The Politics of Jesus



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PCC's **One Kingdom. Indivisible.** series will provide an overview of the Kingdom of God, as it is taught throughout Scripture. The hope is to provide a Christ-like lens for how the Church can be a unified voice of good news in a uniquely and profoundly divided country. This week we learn the interplay of the Kingdom priorities and political allegiances from Jesus' perspective.

#1

Have you ever met a prominent political or Royal figure such as a President, King or Queen? What was / would that be like? Discuss in your group or think about it.

#2

As stated by Gary Gaddini, today's speaker and Lead Pastor, the definition of the word "politics" that we are using today is: "building a shared life together." What is critical to you in building a shared life together? In our country? In our church? See **John 14:6** and **John 10:10**. According to Jesus, what does He bring to us?

#3

Read **Mark 12:13-15**. According to these verses, what did the Pharisees and the Herodians try to do to Jesus? As a believer, have you ever had a similar experience of being trapped by others for your spiritual beliefs? How did you respond? Jesus could have responded in several different ways. Discuss those possible answers.

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#4

While we probably can't pull a coin from our pocket and respond like Jesus did, we can **ALWAYS** respond from a Kingdom perspective. Is this easy? No, we are human! How do the following verses align with a Kingdom response? **1 Peter 3:15, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:17**. Are you a little worried about what to say, or not say, in these politically charged times? Remember back to Moses; he too was a little worried about what to say! How does God's response to him apply to us today and give us hope? See **Exodus 4:10-15**.

#5

How did Jesus answer the question? **Mark 12:17**. How did they respond? As stated by Gary, if people aren't amazed by the God in us, then something is wrong! According to Mike Yaconelli, author of *Dangerous Wonder*, "The greatest enemy of Christianity may be people who say they believe in Jesus but who are no longer astonished and amazed." What is it about the character of God that amazes you today? How is God working in your life today that amazes you? Write down 3 things each day this week that amaze you about our Lord. Share these things with someone.

#6

You might not have access or the opportunity to meet the President or The Queen of England, but we **all** have access to, and can meet **the** King of Kings. Have you met the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? What is preventing you from receiving Him today? See **John 1:12**. We can all approach the throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16. If this is the desire of your heart today you can pray this simple prayer: *Heavenly Father, please forgive my sins. Jesus be my King! Save me and make me new. Fill me with your Holy Spirit so I could follow you and serve you for the rest of my life. Use me to shine your light, to show your love, and to spread your hope. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for saving me. My life is not my own. I give it all to you. Jesus, I am declaring you as my king, as the King of kings and the Lord of lords!* As a believer, is your God still so amazing such that you can't wait to tell others?

Prayer:

God, you are the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. You are Lord over my world, my community, and my life. Give me boldness to speak when I am weak, and discernment for Kingdom responses when I am cornered for your sake. Rekindle

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*the spark in me so that my faith is alive and compels me to tell others. May others be amazed at who you are. In the name of Jesus, who **is** King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Amen.*

Resources:

Bible Project Video: [Gospel of the Kingdom](#)

PCC Series Web Page: [One Kingdom. Indivisible.](#)

[The Third Option: Hope for a Racially Divided Nation](#) by Miles McPherson

PCC Family Ministries: [Table Talk](#)