

November 4th, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

1. Open with prayer – that God would be very present in your time together today.

2. Before you really dig in, go around and have each person share:

- Name (if needed)
- Favorite November activity
- How early is too early to decorate for Christmas?

Since Community Group discussion is meant to take you deeper into thinking through some of the ideas from Sundays – believe it or not – you get to talk politics today in your group as well!

3. Start your time together by looking at James 1.19-20.

- Who's the audience?
- What's the command?
- What's the reason for the command?
- * NOW apply this to a Christian's engagement with politics today, and particularly your GROUP TIME together from here as well.
 - What's it look like to practice this in today's world?

On Sunday Micheal briefly mentioned 1 Peter 2, and God's command to us there to "submit for the Lord's sake to every earthly authority." Now, you get the opportunity to unpack that even more:

4. Read as a group, 1 Peter 2.11-17 (TWICE, to really let it sink in).

- What are some observations you can make about GOD in this passage?
 - (Examples: Who is he? What's he done? What's his desires/plans?)
- If we are to submit "for the Lord's sake" to authorities then, given everything you've just outlined about God, HOW will that impact your involvement in politics knowing what he's interested in?
- What are some observations you can make about God's people in this passage?
 - (Examples: Who are we? Why do we exist? How are we meant to live?)
- Apply this to your week this week – what does this change for you from here?

5. Pray together before you go.