



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Winning the War in your Mind | Navigating Politics with a Renewed Mind

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on defeating negative thoughts? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

What is it about politics that makes it difficult to discuss with others who may think differently from us?

Questions

Why do you think Christians vote for different parties/candidates instead of the same party/candidate?

Do you remember the first time as a Christian you felt led to participate in the political process? During this time, can you recall if prayer for all of those involved, including those who didn't agree with you, was part of your involvement? If not, can you think about why it wasn't?

What do you think has become more important to the universal church in the United States, political involvement or spreading the Gospel? Which of these two do you believe would have the biggest impact on our country? Does the answer to the 2nd question conflict with your answer to the 1st answer?

What are some things we can do as individuals or as the church to create unity when it comes to politics?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Romans 13:1-7 (NLT)

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do. Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

What does this passage tell us about God?

- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray