

Group Leader Guide

What Would Jesus Say – part 9 “to the Voter”

Sermon Recap

What if the real battle for America's future isn't fought in voting booths but in prayer closets? Pastor Chris reveals how God's promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14—"If my people will humble themselves and pray"—offers the only true path to national healing. Through four powerful principles of humility, prayer, seeking God, and repentance, he challenges believers to remember that revival begins not in Washington but in our own hearts. As America celebrates 250 years, discover why transformed hearts matter more than political victories.

Ice Breaker

If you could have dinner with any fictional character, who would it be and why? Don't forget to tell us what would be on the menu!

Discussion Questions

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. Pastor Chris said that before we are Republicans or Democrats, we are first followers of Jesus, and our primary allegiance is to the Kingdom of God, not a political platform. What does it mean practically to have your citizenship in heaven (Philippians 3:20) while still living as a responsible citizen on earth?
 - a. Pastor Chris emphasized that while voting and policies matter, Christians must remember that 'this world is not our home' and that our ultimate hope is in Jesus Christ, not in any president, party, or political platform.
 - b. In what specific ways might your political views or voting decisions change if you truly put the Kingdom of God first? Are there areas where you've been more influenced by political culture than by Scripture?
3. The sermon highlighted how both LIFE and LOVE should shape how Christians vote. How can believers hold firm convictions about protecting life while also showing Christ-like love to those who disagree with them politically?
 - a. Pastor Chris taught that followers of Jesus should care deeply about all human life and that we can 'disagree politically without demonizing people personally,' remembering that every person we argue with is someone Jesus loves.
 - b. Think about your recent political conversations or social media interactions. Have you been more focused on winning arguments or on reflecting Jesus' love? What would change if you truly saw political opponents as people Jesus died for?
4. According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, God promises to heal the land if His people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways. Why do you think God

places the responsibility for national healing on His people rather than on politicians or other leaders?

- a. Pastor Chris pointed out that God doesn't say 'If Hollywood' or 'If politicians' but 'If MY people,' emphasizing that healing begins in the hearts of God's people, not in Washington D.C.
 - b. Which of the four actions in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (humbling yourself, praying, seeking God, repenting) do you find most challenging in your own life? What would it look like for you to take that step this week?
5. Pastor Chris mentioned that some Christians have become 'more disciplined by political commentators than by Jesus' and spend more time consuming political content than God's Word. How can believers maintain healthy engagement with politics without letting it become an idol or replace their devotion to Christ?
- a. The sermon challenged Christians to examine whether news shapes them more than Scripture, and whether they're as passionate about worship and prayer as they are about political debates and posting opinions online.
 - b. Honestly assess your media consumption over the past week. How much time did you spend on political content versus time in prayer, Scripture, or worship? What practical changes could you make to prioritize seeking God over political engagement?
6. The sermon concluded that while government can restrain evil and elections matter, 'only Jesus changes hearts.' How should this truth affect the way Christians approach political involvement and their expectations for what politics can accomplish?
- a. Pastor Chris emphasized that the world's greatest need is not better politics but Jesus, and that Christians' ultimate mission is not to win arguments or elections but to represent Jesus well and share His life and love.
 - b. Where have you been placing too much hope in political solutions rather than in the power of the Gospel? How might your approach to political conversations change if you focused more on representing Jesus well than on winning debates?

Prayer

- Ask for prayer requests.
- Pray for humility in recognizing our own limitations and reliance on God.
- Pray for a heart that seeks peace and unity, especially in contentious environments.
- Pray for a spirit of repentance and the courage to turn away from any personal sins that hinder our walk with God.