

Jesus and Politics Pt. 1

John 17.1-12

Discussion & Prayer Guide

After watching the message, we encourage you to walk through these questions and pray through these requests - either on your own or with those you are watching with.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you in the reading from today (John 17.1-12)? What does this passage reveal to you about God?
2. In the past, how have you approached the relationship between Jesus and your politics?
3. What would Jesus say about how you engage people who are different from you politically - in person or on social media? Do you engage to understand and love? Or do you engage to prove a point?
4. What does it look like when the church doesn't pursue unity in the midst of diversity?
5. Why is oneness for the church mission critical? How can the world see Christ's love in our unity?
6. What is God challenging you to do as a result of this message?

Pray For:

- **Spend some time thanking God** for being our eternal King.
- **Pray for the unity and oneness** of the church and pray for your personal humility.
- **Pray God would reveal** to you how you can engage in relationships and conversations with people who are different from you.
- **Pray God would help you** love unconditionally even, and especially when, you disagree politically.
- **Pray God would direct you with all wisdom and love** as to how he wants you to pursue unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- **Pray God would continue to convict you** and equip you to shine the light of Jesus to the watching world as we approach the election.
- **Pray for unity and reconciliation** - for the church universally, in America, and the church family at United to be reconciled to God and to one another.
- **Pray for wisdom for our leaders and healing in our country** - through racial tensions continuing to grow, human trafficking being exposed, and the coronavirus continuing to spread.