

HOUSE DIVIDED

How to Punch a Ballot & NOT Your Neighbor

'Strong Influence'

Sermon Points: Jeremiah 29:1-7 & 11, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, 1 Timothy 2:1-6

-Citizen of heaven first. Ambassador of heaven second.

-Guard hearts and minds. Influence the culture for good. Jeremiah 29:1-7

Shalom "Shalom" the legislature

- Policies and Issues
- Candidates and parties

Policies and Issues – Leviticus 22:23

You can do it. We can help.

1. Register to vote
2. Get a voter's guide
3. Resources to think biblically
4. Discover our community partnerships hcbc.com/civic-engagement

Candidates and Parties – 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Shalom the aftermath, too – Jeremiah 29

Group Opener:

After 4 weeks of looking at God's word and politics, what points or concepts have stuck with you most?

Discussion Questions:

1. Jeremiah 29:11 may be the ultimate "Christian Coffee Mug Verse". Read and discuss the context of this favorite verse.
Jeremiah 29:5-7 ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.
2. Even in a godless culture, God's people were called to seek SHALOM for Babylon. If Babylon would be blessed, they would be blessed. How can we seek SHALOM for our city and community?
3. There are resources to help us see more clearly into policies and into candidates. Do you have a preferred tools that help inform your voting? (See ivoterguide.com)
4. Paul tells Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1-4) to pray for leaders so that we may lead a peaceful life. In a culture that wants the other side to lose at all costs, how does biblical wisdom stand apart?