

HOUSE DIVIDED

How to Punch a Ballot & NOT Your Neighbor

‘Strong Witness’

Sermon Points: Acts 1:6-8, John 1:14, 1 Cor 13:1-3

1. As a kingdom citizen, I’m a witness for Jesus. (Acts 1:6-8)
2. As a kingdom citizen, I’m a witness for Jesus who speaks truth. (John 1:14)
3. As a kingdom citizen, I’m a witness for Jesus who speaks truth in love. (1 Cor 13:1-3)

Group Opener:

As we start this series, let us level set as a small group. How comfortable or uncomfortable are you discussing politics?

NOTE TO LEADERS: Before jumping into discussion, it may be helpful to help your group know how comfortable each person is with discussing politics. This helps each person to understand where people are coming from so that we can talk and share the truth in love 1 Cor 13:1-3.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a story of a time where you engaged with someone on a political topic and how it went? What did you learn from that interaction?
2. Read Acts 1:6-8. Does it surprise you that the disciples ask a political question? Why or why not?
3. What does it look like to be Jesus’ witness before a witness for anything else?
4. Read John 1:14. What is the best way for you to speak truth in today’s political climate? How can each of us do that in the most God-honoring way?
- 5a. Read 1 Cor 13:1-3. Why is love the crucial element in how we engage politically? How does this look in your life?
- 5b. The Education Connection video is a great story that shows how being involved in a “political issue” like education can make a kingdom difference. This fall how should we (as a group or individuals) be involved in our community?