

Part 2: Shine

Disagreement is unavoidable, but division is a choice. We can disagree politically and love unconditionally.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. On a scale from 1–10, answer these two questions:
 - When you're playing some sort of game, how much do you care about winning?
 - When it comes to engaging in politics, how passionate are you?
- 2. What do you think causes you to be whatever numbers you picked? Your temperament? Your loved ones? Your situation? Something else?
- 3. Do you find yourself trying to avoid people who feel differently than you politically? If so, why? If not, talk about some ways you've learned to move toward people who think differently than you.
- 4. Read **John 13:34–35**, where Jesus gives a clear guideline on how to love others.
 - · What stands out to you?
 - If you lived this out, how could it affect your immediate circle of influence? Do you have someone in mind to whom you hope to be a shining light? Who? What is it about that situation that you see as an opportunity?
- 5. Read Galatians 3:28, where Paul emphasizes that all Jesus followers have equal importance.
 - · What stands out to you about this passage?
 - Deep down, do you feel people who align with you politically are morally superior to those who don't? What makes you say that?
- 6. When the next election cycle approaches, do you plan to do anything differently in terms of how you express your opinion? If we're really "not in it to win it," what are some practical tips in terms of making people feel more important than their political beliefs?