

CALVARY WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

September 20, 2020

As we discuss Faith and Politics for this series, please remember these important ground rules:

- Believe the best in one another.
- Participate by seeking to understand, rather than seeking to change.
- Look for common ground.



CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- What was the rule (spoken or unspoken) around talking about politics in your family of upbringing? Do you typically engage in political conversations now? Why or why not?
- What would it mean to evaluate your own politics (not someone else's politics) through the *filter of our faith*? How is this different from creating a version of faith that supports our politics? Do you have an example of disagreeing politically with someone in a healthy way?
- Read John 17:6-23. What could it look like for us to be *one*?

YOUR CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

- Would you commit to praying this prayer each day? *God, make us one, so that we can influence many.*
- In the coming weeks, how could you look for opportunities to disagree politically with someone yet love them unconditionally?

PRAY

God, you love us unconditionally. Forgive us when we rush to judgement or anger in the midst of disagreements. We pray that you will make us one so that we can influence many. Amen.