

## SOC&H week two

\*\*These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV, NASB and The Message.**

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**Series Overview: Politics make people crazy. You've seen it recently—once level-headed people, turning their backs on life-long friendships & family members, and spiritual communities. People that have known & lived next to & served alongside each other for years aren't on speaking terms, block each other on social media, and won't even look each other in the eye at the grocery store. And all of us are wondering—What's next? Regardless of who wins this election: Where do we go from here? How do we survive the election with your soul intact. The message of Jesus has something significant & surprising to say about all of this. And we believe if we latch onto it, it just might change everything—for the better.**

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### //TALK

**Ice Breaker** - Would you rather only be able to whisper or only be able to shout?

**Q1** – When was the last time you were heavily invested into something [tv show, movie, book, team] and was let down? How did you feel?

**Q2** – Would you agree with this statement: **When we find ourselves consumed by political outcomes, we may have misplaced our hope and trust in our candidate, party, or opinion as opposed to our God.**

**Q3** – Read **Mark 12:13-17** [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in these verses?

**Q4** – In the message the statement was made **“If Jesus happens to agree with all your political opinions, you're probably not following Jesus. You're trying to get Jesus to follow you. And that's when things go sideways.”** What do you think?

**Q5** – Read **2 Corinthians 5:16-20a** [Read in different translations] What stands out to you in this passage? What do you think is the best way to be people of “reconciliation”?

**Q6** – What kind of behavior makes the way of Jesus appealing or appalling to outsiders?

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### //GO DEEPER

Check out some more: Read Mark 12. 2 Corinthians 5. Colossians 1:15-20 . Take a look at the book “Thou Shalt Not Be A JERK” by Eugene Cho.

### //THE POINT

**What if you decided to prioritize what Jesus prayed for over what your party stands for?**

### //MEMORIZE

**2 Corinthians 5:18 TPT - 18 And God has made all things new, and RECONCILED us to himself, and given us the ministry of RECONCILING others to God.**

### //PRAY

Take time to pray for the needs in your group. Pray for our church and our church leaders. Pray for the health of our church and our community. Pray for this volatile political season and pray for unity amongst believers. Pray that we become people of reconciliation to the world around us.