

asking for a friend ■

How can I Navigate Politics with My Faith? - Pastor Mark Pope
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1. When the topic of politics comes up in conversation what is your initial reaction? Why?

2. Read Romans 12:1-2

The first point of Pastor Mark's talk was, "When it comes to politics, we should be different." Based on the above scripture how should believers in Jesus "be different" when it comes to engaging in politics?

3. Pastor Mark said the political pattern of a Christian is subject to change or development, and he shared his journey from being pro-choice to pro-life and his current wrestling with social justice issues. Can you share an opinion or belief you once firmly held that is different now because of your walk with God? What caused you to change your mind about the topic?

4. The second point of Pastor Mark's talk was, "When it comes to politics emphasize God's Kingdom." Why do you think the emphasis of God's Kingdom and authority changes the way we should navigate politics?

5. Pastor Mark talked about three tips to emphasize the kingdom: (1) Attach my positions to scripture (2) Connect blessing to righteous leaders (3) Make my vote a prayer. Which of the three tips most inspired you to make a change?

6. Read Romans 13:1

Pastor Mark's final point was we should "win or lose with confidence". What perspective does "there is no authority except that which God has established" give you about the results of the election?

7. One of the questions Pastor Mark asked was if we are open to Holy Spirit adjustments when it comes to political positions? How can you be more open to the Holy Spirit to adjust your positions?