



HSRM Renewal School of Ministry

Term Offered: Spring 2022 (March-April)

Course: “Christianity, Culture, and Politics”

Course Times/Dates: 1.5 hour Zoom meetings for six weeks, beginning Monday March 21 for 6 consecutive Mondays ending, April 25.

Classes will meet live on Zoom at 8 pm ET/7:00pm CT/6:00pm MT/ 5:00 pm PT.

Course Content: We live in a post-Christian culture. How do we remain faithful, even influential, in our world?

What does it mean to not be "conformed to this world?" (Romans 2)

What does our faith have to say about our relationship to political systems?

What are the reigning political systems in this post-Christian world?

How have followers of Jesus, throughout history, related and responded to government?

Would you like to learn about such things without getting into heated, unfruitful, uninformed arguments on social media?

In this 6-session class, "The Church, the Bible, Culture, and Politics," I will share in-depth responses to these and other questions, using Scripture, church history, culture-studies, and theology.

Special attention will be given to understanding American culture as secular and postmodern, and how to live a Jesus-life in such a culture.

Recommended reading: Some of what I will teach is from my recent book *Deconstructing Progressive Christianity*. My recommendation is for students to purchase and read this book along with the class.

Instructor: Rev. John Piippo, PhD

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Costs: There is a \$10 fee to cover costs for taking courses in the Renewal School of Ministry. Please enroll for the course/s on our website: www.hsrn.org . Thank you!

Requirements for Credit: To receive credit for the course students will need to:

- Attend every live Zoom session
- Participate in the class discussions
- One absence is permitted as long as the student makes arrangements to watch the Zoom replay.