



FAITH BEYOND SUNDAY

Following Jesus was never intended to be confined to Sunday morning.

Biblical discipleship shapes the way we live in our homes, raise our children, conduct our work, love our neighbors, steward our resources, and respond to the world around us. If Jesus is Lord of our lives, then His Word should inform every part of them—including the way we engage in our communities and culture. That makes civic engagement more than a political exercise.

It is an expression of biblical discipleship.

WHY BIBLICAL ENGAGEMENT MATTERS

Scripture tells us that we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20), but while we are here, God has intentionally placed us in communities, cities, states, and nations. We are called to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16), to seek the welfare of the places where God has planted us (Jeremiah 29:7), to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), and to do good as we have opportunity (Galatians 6:10).

Our ultimate hope is not found in government, political leaders, or public policy. **Our hope is in Jesus Christ.**

But trusting Christ does not require withdrawing from the world around us. Instead, our confidence in Him frees us to engage faithfully—without fear, without placing our hope in political outcomes, and without surrendering biblical truth.

The question, then, isn't simply: **"How should a Christian vote?"**

A better question is: **"How should a Christian think biblically about the issues shaping our culture?"**

Voting is one answer to that question—but it is only one.

FROM BIBLICAL TRUTH TO EVERYDAY LIFE

The Bible was not written as a modern policy manual, yet Scripture gives us enduring truths that shape how we understand human life, marriage and family, authority, justice, conscience, freedom, responsibility, and our relationship with one another.

Those truths give us a framework. When we encounter a cultural issue, proposed law, public-policy debate, or election, our first question shouldn't be, "What does my political party say?" or even, "What do I personally think?"

Our first question should be: **"What does God's Word say?"**

Then we can ask how those biblical principles apply to the issue before us.

This requires wisdom. Not every public-policy question has a simple chapter-and-verse answer, and faithful Christians may sometimes disagree about how a biblical principle should be applied. But that should drive us deeper into Scripture—not away from the conversation.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS GUIDE

In the pages ahead, we'll examine three foundational biblical values that frequently intersect with decisions being made in our communities and government:

LIFE: What does Scripture reveal about human dignity, the image of God, the vulnerable, and the value of human life?

FAMILY: What does Scripture teach about marriage, parents, children, discipleship, and God's design for families to flourish?

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: What does Scripture teach about conscience, conviction, worship, obedience to God, and the freedom to live faithfully?

For each value, we'll begin with Scripture. We'll explore what the Bible teaches, consider why those truths matter in our world today, and provide questions that can help you evaluate cultural issues and public policy through a biblical lens.

The purpose isn't to tell you what a political party believes. **The purpose is to equip you to know what you believe and why you believe it.**

DISCIPLES *WHO ENGAGE*

There will always be another election, another legislative session, and another cultural debate. That's why our goal must be bigger than preparing Christians for the next ballot.

We want to cultivate believers who know God's Word well enough to recognize biblical truth and who will be courageous enough to live by it, gracious enough to communicate it with love, and faithful enough to carry it into every place God has given them influence.

- ***Know the Word***
- ***Think biblically***
- ***Pray faithfully***
- ***Engage courageously***
- ***Love your neighbor***
- ***Trust God with the results***

Because biblical engagement isn't ultimately about politics. It's about discipleship.