

LIFEGROUPS STUDY GUIDE

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

→ SERIES:

How to Punch Your Ballot without Punching Your Neighbor

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→ MESSAGE SUMMARY:

Pastor Matt emphasized the importance of Christians participating in the electoral process as a duty rooted in faith, encouraging attendees to consider their values while voting. He highlights the significance of aligning one's vote with biblical principles, addressing contemporary issues such as the sanctity of life, religious freedom, and gender ideology. Ultimately, Pastor Matt reminds the congregation that while political outcomes may vary, Jesus remains sovereign and on the throne.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1.) In what ways can Christians ensure their faith influences their voting decisions?

Pastor Matt pointed out that everyone approaches voting with their worldview and faith system, even if they don't explicitly recognize it.

How might you seek guidance from your faith when faced with difficult choices in life?

2.) Reflecting on Proverbs 29:2, how can having godly leaders positively impact a community?

Pastor Matt referenced this verse to explain how godly authority can lead to joy in the community, while wicked authority brings despair.

In what ways can you actively support or promote positive leadership in your school or community?

3.) Pastor Matt mentioned that voting should be based on policies and not just vibes. What does he mean by that?

He explained that focusing on a candidate's personality or appearance is not a wise way to decide who to vote for, as their policies have a lasting impact.

How can you apply this idea of focusing on substance rather than surface-level attributes in other areas of your life?



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4.) Why do you think it's important to love and respect those who may have different political views?

Pastor Matt encouraged believers to love their neighbors, regardless of their opinions on politics, emphasizing that our true enemy is not other people.

How can you practice showing love and respect to those with different beliefs or viewpoints in your interactions?

5.) Why do you think Pastor Matt emphasized the idea that voting is not just a right but also a duty for Christians?

Pastor Matt discussed the importance of voting as a responsibility for Christians, highlighting that we have the power to help shape our government's values.

How do you feel about your own responsibility to participate in civic duties like voting?