

“How Would Jesus Vote?”
Part #1 – Jesus and Politics
Proverbs 29:12

Series Summary

The 2008 election is shaping up to be one of the most important elections of our country. The outcome of the election will determine the rise and fall of morality in our country from a political perspective and the decisions that the next president makes will affect the rest of your life. With so much on the line, how should Christians vote? Do you need to vote Republican, Democrat, or Independent? The better question that we should ask is: *How would Jesus Vote?* Through this two part series we will study two very important issues: (1) Jesus and Politics and (2) The Current Issues of the election that we encounter.

Series Passage

Proverbs 29:2 – When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Big Question

How would Jesus vote?

Sermon Summary: It is hard for Christians to come to a firm decision as to who is God’s candidate in times of an election. We look at each candidate and each has flaws, each has character issues, and each seem to be double-minded or at least double-tongued. There is no perfect candidate running for office as we look at this year’s election so what is a Christian to do? In this sermon we talk about the issue of voting our values. We will explore three basic questions for us to discern and determine our values and we will also look at what we can do for and in the upcoming election as the body of Christ.

Big Idea – Vote Your Values not Your Party

Three Questions to Cover**Question #1 – Do Jesus and Politics Mesh?**

- Proverbs 29:2
- Matthew 22:15-22
- Hebrews 13:8
- **Key Point** – The answer to this question will get a mixed response depending on the filter you are using when you ask the question. Does Jesus and Politics Mesh? Some will say yes and others no yet what does Scripture say on this very subject. In America, we must understand that morality will be legislated but the question is whose morality will be legislated? We have been called to stand for our faith and influence the world for Jesus Christ. In the year of an election, there is no other better way to do this than by voting your Biblical values.

Question #2 – What Party Does God Claim?

- Romans 3:23

- Joshua 5:13-14
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Is God on our side? Or Are we on God's side?
- **Key Point** – The answer to this question is as obvious as it sounds. God is not for a party rather He is for God and the standard that He sets. God declares that victory for His people, healing for a land only comes when you choose to pursue God over man.

Question #3 – What is the Christian's Responsibility?

- **Vote Your Values**

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 1 John 2:6
- Micah 6:8
- Luke 4:4
- Matthew 5:13-16
- **Key Point** – The answer to this question comes as we once again reflect on the Big Idea. We have always been called to be the salt and light of the world which means that our values are to set the standard for the world around not allow the world to set our values for us. We must sincerely ask ourselves, what are our true values as Christians and which candidate best matches up with these values, remembering that none of the candidates are going to be perfect. This election Vote Your Values by looking at where the candidates stand on major moral issues and then compare this stance to what Scripture declares is morally correct.

Questions to Consider

- *What are the major issues of this election and where does each candidate stand?*
- *What does it mean to vote your values instead of a party?*

Memory Verse

Proverbs 29:2 – When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

Big Challenge

(1) Begin praying over the 2008 election, that God will have His hand on this election. (2) Get informed of where the candidates stand on the major moral issues that affect your life and faith in this country. (3) SHOW UP & VOTE YOUR VALUES on election day.

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