

# CLEAR THE AIR Study Guide

## SERMON 3: “SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM”

### *Study Guide Questions:*

#### **WORD** (A Time for Admonition):

1. Do you see yourself being more of an activist or a separatist (passive) when it comes to social and political issues? What is your view on social justice and political activism?
2. Is God in agreement with the practice of social justice and political activism? Did Jesus come to the world as a social reformer or political deliverer (cf. John 18:36-37)? What was His main purpose according to Luke 4:18-19?
3. What is the mission of the church according to Matthew 28:18-20? Is it also the role of the church to change the structures/culture of the society and not just the spiritual condition of the individuals (cf. Philippians 3:20)?
4. How does God want believers to regard governmental authorities (Romans 13:1-7)? At what point can our obedience to the government end (Acts 5:29)?

#### **WALK** (A Time for Accountability):

1. Is there a sin you need to confess to God right now? (*going against the government, not praying for the present administration, not sharing the gospel and discipling others, not helping the needy, etc.*) Is there a truth you need to believe from God's Word? Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 2:10; Jeremiah 23:5-6.
2. What specific social concern program that our group can do together to help the needy in our society (eg. Matthew 25:35-36, 40; James 1:27; 1 Tim 5:16)? How can we pray for it?
3. What aspects of our current administration do you find most difficult to accept in terms of political and social justice? How can we pray for our president and the rest of the leaders in our country?