

MONEY AND POLITICS

2 CORINTHIANS 9 & ROMANS 13

MAIN TAKEAWAY

We should discuss money and politics at church because the Bible teaches us how to be godly stewards and citizens. As children of God, we should make every moment of our lives count for the Kingdom of God.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Why are money and politics “hot button issues” at church? Why might people not want to discuss these topics at church? What is wrong with that perspective?

How have you learned to have a biblical worldview about money and politics? How has this made you focus on living for the Kingdom of God?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Scripture teaches that you and everything you have belongs to God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Haggai 2:8). How can you glorify God with your possessions?

Every believer should give and do so happily (v.7). According to Deuteronomy 8:18, what should believers remember when giving? Why should we give cheerfully?

It is a blessing and real joy to give (2 Corinthians 8:4). How does the love of money as the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:10) compare to the greatest commandments of love for God and people (Matthew 22:37-39)?

As we give to God, God will give to us (v.8). Pastor Greg said, “The problem with

wealth is not in having it, but how we *get* it, *guard* it, and *give* it.” In what ways can we experience God’s blessings through acts of generosity?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 13:1

***The Bible supports the right and the necessity of a nation to be secure, unborn children and their right to live, religious liberty, marriage, and family.* How does the importance of each of these topics compel you to pray? How do they compel you to be involved in your church and community?**

Pastor Greg said, “I’m not trying to elect the Messiah. I already have One.” Why might people put their hope in politicians rather than in the Lord? How can we show the world that we already have a Messiah?

***The hope for America and any nation is a spiritual awakening.* In what ways does revival start with the church, and how does it then affect the world? Why is obedience a mark of revival? How have you experienced this?**

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

How did this message encourage you to be faithful in stewardship and generosity? How does your life reflect the truth that everything you have belongs to God?

Pastor Greg said, “Christians need to speak out and speak up for our faith. Only the gospel can truly turn this nation around.” Why must revival start with you? If revival should be the cry of every true child of God (Habakkuk 3:2), how can you be committed to praying for revival?

PRAYER

Give thanks that we are children of God and citizens of the Kingdom of God. Pray that you will be a godly steward and citizen. Pray for God’s Kingdom to come and will to be done on earth—in America, your community, your church, your family, your life—as it is in Heaven.