



Well Check wk8: Stand on Faith, not Politics

Introduction: Paul closes his letter with one last reminder to Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong...and we almost expect a call to militantly defend the faith, but he ends with a reminder to do everything in love. We are on the precipice of the most anticipated week of a divided nation. How can we enter this time on our guard, yet in love?

Discussion Questions

1. What do you look forward to most—and dread most—about presidential election years? It's no secret that we are a politically divided nation. Why do we get so emotionally charged and accusatory when we talk about political issues?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 How can you do these first 4 things while doing them in love?
3. Read Philippians 3:15-16 Do you think Paul would apply this verse to political disagreements? What kinds of things is he telling us to live up to?
4. What are examples of issues that are clear in scripture that are political topics today? If neither party is fully on the side of Biblical truth, how can we be clear about things we don't support—even when the party we eventually vote for is on the wrong side of scripture? How can 2 Christians who love Jesus and take the Bible seriously, come down supporting different sides?
5. What is the danger in saying that you "can't be a Christian and vote for _____?"
6. How can we pray and work for unity now and after this election is over?

Shaping Your Mind –*All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.* Philippians 3:15-16

Moving Forward – Your candidate will win or lose this election based on how America votes. The church will win or lose depending on our behavior leading up to and after this political season. – Andy Stanley