

DILEMMA

INTRODUCTION

PART 1: Abraham

Recent surveys have indicated that people are very stressed by the 2016 election. Few can argue that the top two candidates for the highest office in the land have issues related to their character and actions.

As a result, many Christians have chosen not to participate in this election. But is this the approach we should be taking? Are there things we can do to make the most of this election?

The answer is "yes." This study will explore some steps we can take to make the most of this election.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do some people say we shouldn't talk about religion or politics? Have you seen some of the negative effects of discussing these subjects? Do you think we need to engage in these conversations anyway? Explain your answer.
2. How do you think most people feel about the 2016 election? Why do you think people are struggling so much over the presidential race?
3. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. According to these verses, why is it important that we pray for our leaders? Why do you think Paul says it is such a high priority (e.g. "First of all, I urge you to pray...")?
4. Have you personally been praying about this election? Why or why not?
5. Read Matthew 6:9-10. How might the Lord's prayer relate to this election?
6. Read Matthew 6:33; Proverbs 14:34; Jeremiah 18:7-8 and 2 Chronicles 7:14. Why do you think God cares that nations pursue righteousness? What happens when nations abandon God's laws?
7. Do you think it is important for Christians to vote? Why or why not?
8. Read Daniel 4:25 and Romans 13:1. When it comes to the election, why is it important that we remember that God is sovereign over the kingdoms of this world?
9. How can we love those who are on the opposite side of the political spectrum than we are?
10. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

In our approach to the election process, it matters what we do as a nation, and it matters what we choose to do as individuals. We can make a difference in what is to come by praying, preparing for and participating in the election process and in what God is doing in this world.

KEY VERSES

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Matthew 6:9-10

Matthew 6:33

Proverbs 14:34

Jeremiah 18:7-8

2 Chronicles 7:14b

Daniel 4:25b

Romans 13:1