



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | Red or Blue – What Would Jesus Do? | October 18, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for October: Is Dependent On the Power of Prayer

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

Pastor Miles focused on the importance of being a citizen of God's Kingdom as our most important priority. During this political season, it is possible to take a stand for certain political perspectives but as believers we need to make sure that we are aligning our thoughts and actions with God's perspective modeled by Jesus, which is a heart centered on God.

As a group take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below.

- Jesus **ACKNOWLEDGED** the politics/government of man. We must render our votes to man but our hearts should be rendered to God. Read Luke 20:22-25. In these verses Jesus tells his accusers to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”
 - o As Christians we must acknowledge the politics of man but we must ensure that God’s Kingdom is most important in our lives. During this political season how can you ensure that you are putting God’s Kingdom first in your life?
- Jesus **ANNOUNCED** His own government, the Kingdom of God. Read Mark 1:14-15. In these verses Jesus says, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” Jesus is declaring the arrival of God’s Kingdom.
 - o Sometimes we make the mistake of declaring the politics of man louder than the Kingdom of God. How will your declaration of the Kingdom of God be louder than your declaration of the politics of man?
- Jesus kingdom’ **DELIVERS** people from bondage. There will be some features of each political system that He agrees with but only His kingdom is perfect. Read Luke 4:16-19.

- In Luke 4:18, it reads “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.” Jesus is our great and mighty deliverer. How can you encourage yourself and others that Jesus is the one who can deliver us from the afflictions of this life?
- Jesus has **CALLED US OUT** of our kingdom into His. We should be praying for His kingdom. Read Matthew 6:9-10
 - Take time in your group to pray that God’s Kingdom comes and His will is done on this earth.

This Month’s Memory Verse:

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.” ~Ephesians 6:18 NKJV

This Week’s Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos

John 16-21: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/john/>

Acts 1-12: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/acts/>

Psalms 120-127: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/>

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- Be generous. Text GIVE to 52525
- Take the LIFE Class. Text LIFE Class to 52525

