






	<p>The Battle Without: What's Next?</p>
 BIG IDEA	<p>Our allegiance to Christ should supersede every other allegiance we hold.</p>
 ICE BREAKER	<p>What was your favorite subject in school growing up, and how does it influence how you view the world today?</p>
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jesus lived in an extremely political time but remained focused on His mission ● Jesus taught to "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" ● Jesus' kingdom is not of this world ● Christians should: 1) Put your faith in Jesus first and foremost 2) Don't hesitate to vote 3) Let your faith inform your vote 4) Don't put politics over people 5) Know the power of powerlessness ● The Early Church's Values That Changed the World: 1) Diversity (Multi-ethnic worship) 2) Sex (Sacred view of marriage) 3) Justice (Serving others' needs) 4) Life (Reverence for human life) 5) Peacemaking
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you believe the kingdom of God is ultimately dependent upon the outcomes of any political contest? Why or why not? 2. Why do you think Jesus often answered questions with questions? What can we learn from this approach? 3. How can we apply Jesus' response about Caesar's coin to our current political climate? 4. Which is harder for you - connecting with someone who shares your political views but not your faith, or someone who shares your faith but not your political views? Why? 5. How can we ensure our faith is informing our politics rather than our politics informing our faith? 6. Of the five values of the early church discussed (Diversity, Sex, Justice, Life, Peacemaking), which one challenges you the most and why? 7. How can we as a church make a positive impact in our community without political power, like the early church did?
 NEXT STEP	<p>What is one practical step you can take this week to prioritize your allegiance to Christ above political allegiances?</p>
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Mark 12:16-17 They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.</p>
	

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