

In the Beginning: God
Community Group Discussion for Week 4
“Genesis Politics”

1. A common question that the church gets is this: what is the church’s role in politics? So let’s just toss that out on the table to get things going: What is or should be the church’s role in the political/public world? How much should we “talk politics” around the church? Why?
2. This week’s passage is about Abraham’s calling. As we talked about in the video, God’s plan was to use Abraham and his descendants to “be a blessing” to all the families of the earth. This came on the heels of Babel, which literally means “confusion,” and which was a human attempt to govern the world apart from God.

Thinking about the current political situation—one which is very divisive, very fractured, and very confusing for many people—how can the church respond and be a blessing in that context? What could the church in our nation do to offer a different way forward? How can we best witness to the “Good news” in the midst of this season in our nation’s history?

What could our church, or even our community group, do to be a part of that?

3. Do you know someone from our church who is of a different political mindset from you? Have you had relationships affected as a result of all of the craziness that has come along with both the election and the inauguration? How can we work to maintain a loving attitude toward others—especially when their political stance may be drastically different than ours?
4. In the video Glen gave a number of scripture references that speak to the interaction of religion and public life. Take some time and have each member of the group look up one of the the following references. Discuss how each of them offers us insight into how to be God’s “called out people” in the midst of a secular world...

Psalm 20:7
Daniel 1:17-21
Proverbs 24:21-22
1 Peter 2:11-1

Mark 12:13-17
Jeremiah 29:4-7
1 Samuel 26:10-12