Homework

We The People

Fall 2026 | Week 8

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MY STORY 

1) If your household held its own election tonight, what made-up office would you create, like Chief Snack Officer, Remote Control Commissioner, or Secretary of Thermostat Affairs, and who would win in a landslide?
2) What's something you are fiercely, maybe irrationally, loyal to, like a ketchup brand, a grocery store, a fast-food chain, or your side of the bed?

QUICK REVIEW 

3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME 

Isaiah 9:6–7 (NLT)

"[6]*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* [7]*His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!"*

4) Isaiah says, *"The government will rest on his shoulders,"* and "*his government and its peace will never end."* Sunday we heard that government was never designed to be our savior. Whatever the results of Tuesday's election, how does it shape your heart this week to know Whose shoulders the government ultimately rests on?

5) Pastor Craig reminded us that Jesus was surrounded by political groups, the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Zealots, yet He never joined one. Instead, He stepped out in front and said, in effect, "This is where God is, join me here." Why do you think Jesus refused to align Himself with a faction, and where are you tempted to let a political identity speak louder than your identity in Him?

1 Peter 2:13–17 (NLT)

"[13]For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, [14]or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

[15]It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. [16]For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. [17]Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king."

6) Peter writes, *"Respect everyone… Fear God, and respect the king,"* and he wrote this to believers living under Roman emperors who did not honor Christ. Respecting leaders we voted for comes easily. What does honoring and praying for leaders look like when they aren't the ones we hoped would win?

7) Verse 15 says, *"your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you."* Sunday we heard that those who speak against Christians should find us living honorable lives as citizens. What might honorable living look like for you this week, at work, online, or around the Thanksgiving table later this month?

Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT)

"[37]Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' [38]This is the first and greatest commandment. [39]A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' [40]The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.'"

8) Jesus says, *"The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."* Pastor Craig reminded us that everything God asks of us is anchored here, including how we handle politics. Who is a neighbor, friend, or family member who may feel very differently than you about this election, and how can you love them well this week?

9) Sunday we looked at Joseph, Daniel, Esther, and Nehemiah, people who loved God *"with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind"* while living under governments that weren't their own, and who stepped into whatever influence they had to bring about God's good. As people of hope, where might God be inviting you to step in and be a light in our community in the days ahead?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS 

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

1) Ask God to show you where your hope has been resting lately, and invite Him to settle it back on Jesus, whose government and peace will never end.
2) Ask the Lord, “Is there anyone that I personally know that I have written off or spoken about with disrespect because of politics?” and ask Him to soften your heart toward them.
3) Pray by name for our national, state, and local leaders this week, and ask God, “Where would You have me be a light right where I live?”