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## CELL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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The following are discussion questions based on the sermon on November 1, 2020

### GET-TO-KNOW

- Which president would you say had made the biggest impact on America History? Why?
- What are some ways people are so passionate about political issues and political parties.

### FROM THE SERMON

1. Read Matthew 22:15-22. Based on what Pastor Scott Sauls said in the sermon, how does Jesus respond to the Pharisees who were trying to trap him with the question: if it is right to pay the imperial tax?

Jesus knows their evil intent by calling them hypocrites by trying to trap him. He shows them the roman coin.

Jesus says whose image is on the coin? And they said Caesars image. Jesus said well give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and Render unto God what belongs to God. There's something subtle there.

- The image of King Caesar is on the coin, so give the coin to Caesar.
- Pastor Sauls says – Who's image is on you? God's image is on you, so render yourself to God and give yourself fully to God.

Four realities are mentioned in the sermon:

1. Why are each important for Christians, especially during the times we are experiencing in 2020?
2. How should we act and behave based on the statements in the sermon?

- **We will not over-identify with any political party.**

Read Psalm 20:7

How should we behave based on these statements in the sermon?

Jesus as our King who said my kingdom is ultimately not of this world.

Pastor Sauls says, I will not over identify with any political party. I will demonstrate myself to be a disciple of scripture, which will prohibit me from being a disciple of Fox News or CNN of Donald Trump or Joe Biden if I'm a disciple of Jesus. I cannot be a disciple of any other person or of any other platform.

Government was God's idea government and a good thing.

- No Christian should ever say that that Christians should remove themselves from the government process or for that matter the political process.
- Often times politics takes a good thing and corrupts it.

- But it's important to remember that that even though government was God's idea politics was our idea

- **We won't under-identify with the political process and system.**

Just like family just like the church government is an institution that was put in place by God himself for the promotion of human flourishing and for the confrontation of human injustice, that's why government exists to promote justice and confront injustice.

Government and voting are a forum for this purpose to love your neighbor as yourself.

- **We will fight differently than the world fights around political and social issues.**

Christianity is not against the world. It's so for the world because our God so loved the world because our God is a god of every nation every tribe every people group every tongue.

- **When we disagree, we will love each other and the world well in Christ.**

Read John 17:23

the whole world will know that you belong to me and your unique because you belong to me because you love one another

## **BEYOND THE SERMON**

What might it take for our church and cell groups at Living Hope to navigate through this election and beyond in a way that demonstrates God's Kingdom here on earth?