

(1) Take a few minutes and let each one share what they most fear about the impending election. What is of greatest concern to you, and why?

(2) Take a few minutes and read aloud Exodus 9:16; Daniel 2:20-21; John 19:10-11; and Isaiah 40:23-24. How do these biblical texts affect you? Do they instill confidence and diminish fear? If not, why not?

(3) The Bible says that God also exerts influence on the hearts and minds (decisions) of those whom he places in power (Prov. 21:1; Ezra 1:1; 7:27; etc.). How should this influence the way you pray about political issues and persons?

(4) Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. What does this passage say about our responsibilities as citizens of an earthly nation? How might this text change the way you live and think?

(5) Does God's sovereignty over the affairs of nations cause you to question your responsibility as a Christian to work for good in our nation? If you still believe that we are to be active in political affairs, what exactly ought the church to do? What should it avoid? What should be our expectations for influencing our society and political order for good?