

## **Small Group Study Guide, Week of September 29, 2024**

### **“Church and Politics”**

**Q:** What does God desire for His people living in a politically unstable land?

**Big Idea:** Do not fear what the people fear but only fear the Lord your God (Isaiah 8:12b-14a)

**Ice Breaker:** Tell about a memorable voting experience you once had. How did it affect you? Why?

### **What does it look like to fear the Lord in a politically unstable time?**

#### **1. Fear God by trusting Him only through prayer with a repentant heart (2 Chron. 7:13-14)**

These verses appear in a vision King Solomon had while ruling the theocracy of Israel (2 Chron 7:11-12). How might they apply to rulers of a democracy such as the USA? To us as citizens of a democracy?

#### **2. Fear God through good stewardship by voting to seek the welfare of the land (Jer. 29:7)**

These verses are part of a letter the prophet, Jeremiah, sent to the Jewish exiles in Babylon (Jer 29:1-3). How might they apply to us as citizens of the USA today?

#### **3. Fear God by prioritizing the gospel over politics as an ambassador of Christ (2 Cor. 5:20)**

This verse was written by Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth, an important Greek trading city ruled by Rome. How might it apply to us as citizens of greater metropolitan Wichita today?

### **Reflect:**

We live in a politically divided country during a divisive campaign season. What lessons do you take away from this study to help you survive and thrive during this season? What about after the election is over? What specific steps can you/will you take?