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# COUNTER CULTURE

FOLLOWING CHRIST  
IN AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGE

Unholy Allegiance: The Christian and Politics

# Class Schedule

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- Aug 8 Introduction & The Greatest Offense: The Gospel and Culture  
Matt Linebarger
- Aug 15 Where Rich and Poor Collide: The Gospel and Poverty  
Tim Yates
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Matt Linebarger
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Tim Yates
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Gary Matlack
- Sep 19 Bought with a Price: The Gospel and Sexual Morality  
Mark Trigsted



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- Sep 26 **Unity in Diversity: The Gospel and Ethnicity**  
Tim Yates
- Oct 3 **Unprecedented Crisis: The Gospel and Refugees**  
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Matt Linebarger, Tim Yates, Mark Trigsted, & Jordan Stone



# Review





# What ARE We Doing?

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What is the purpose of the particular/local church?

1 Make Disciples

Matthew 28:16-20

2 Equip Saints

Ephesians 4:11-14



# Levels of Belief

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**CONVICTIONS**

**PERSUASIONS**

**OPINIONS**



# Four Methods of Engaging the Culture

1 We Conform

2 We Check Out

3 We Combat

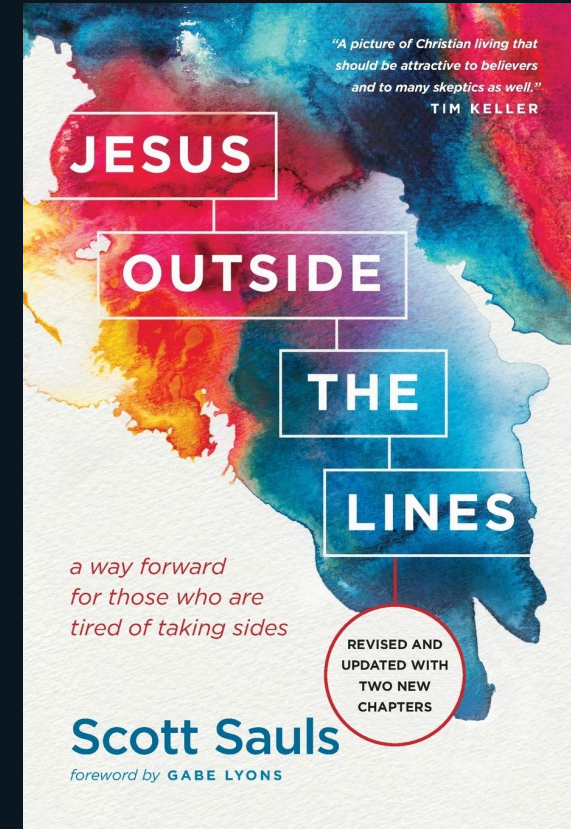
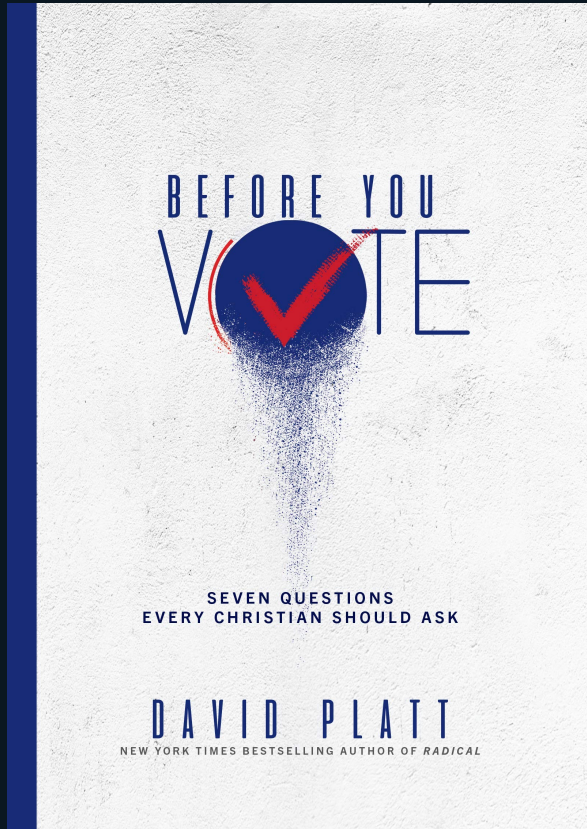
4 We Counter



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# The Books



# Verse of the Day

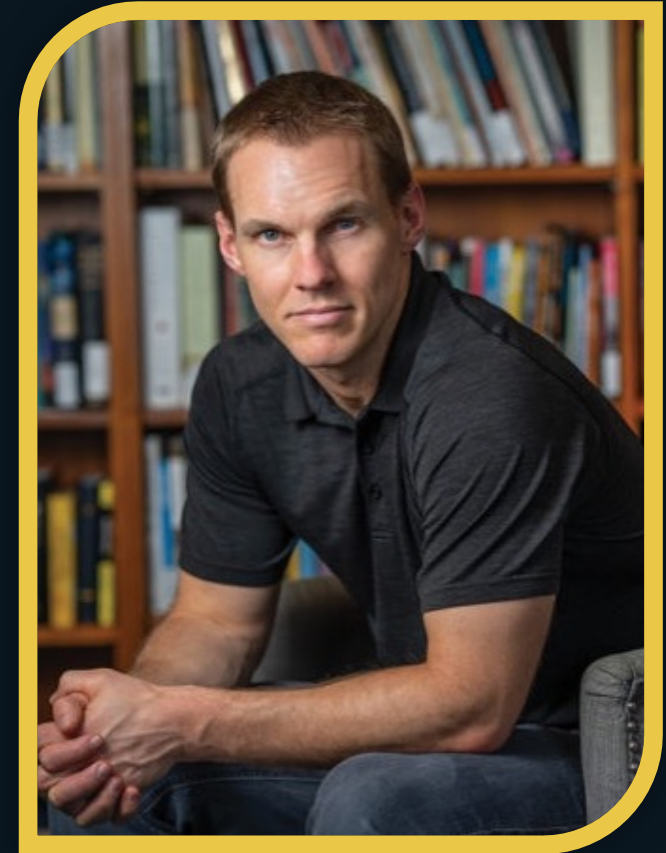
## James 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers:  
let every person be quick to  
hear, slow to speak, slow to  
anger; for the anger of man  
does not produce the  
righteousness of God.



# Foundational Statement #1

“Government is a God-ordained institution for the purpose of promoting good and restraining evil. The purpose of government is to provide for the good of people and to punish bad conduct among people. By the design of God, government ‘bears the sword.’ meaning government has the authority to enforce laws and penalize law-breakers.”



- David Platt

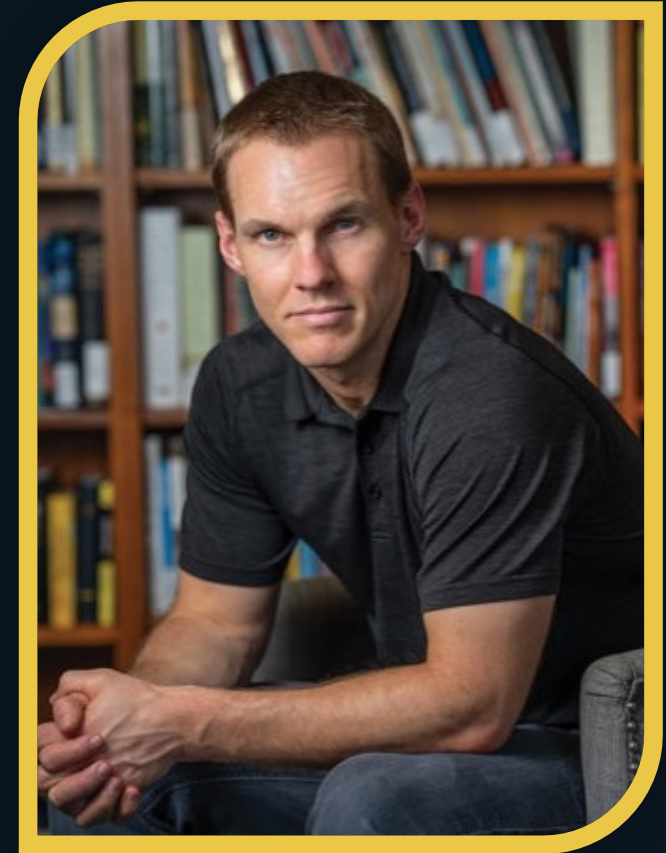
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# Foundational Statement #2

“ Followers of Jesus should be submissive citizens of government with ultimate allegiance to God... Scripture is clear that we are to subject ourselves to the government as a God-ordained authority over us. As part of that subjection, we are to support our government by paying taxes, revenue, respect, and honor to our governing authorities. ”



- David Platt

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# What Scripture Has To Say

## Romans 13:1-7

**Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority?**



# What Scripture Has To Say

## Romans 13:1-7

**Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.**



# What Scripture Has To Say

## Romans 13:1-7

**For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.**



# What Scripture Has To Say

## 1 Peter 2:13-17

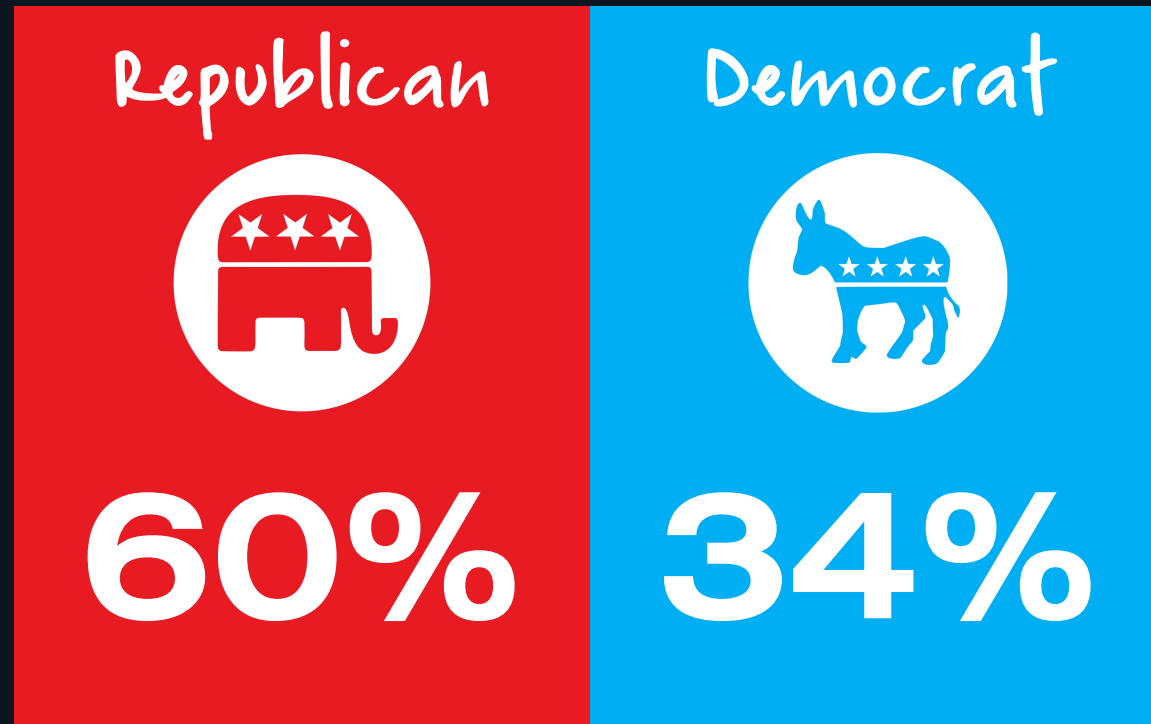
**Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.**



# Pop Quiz

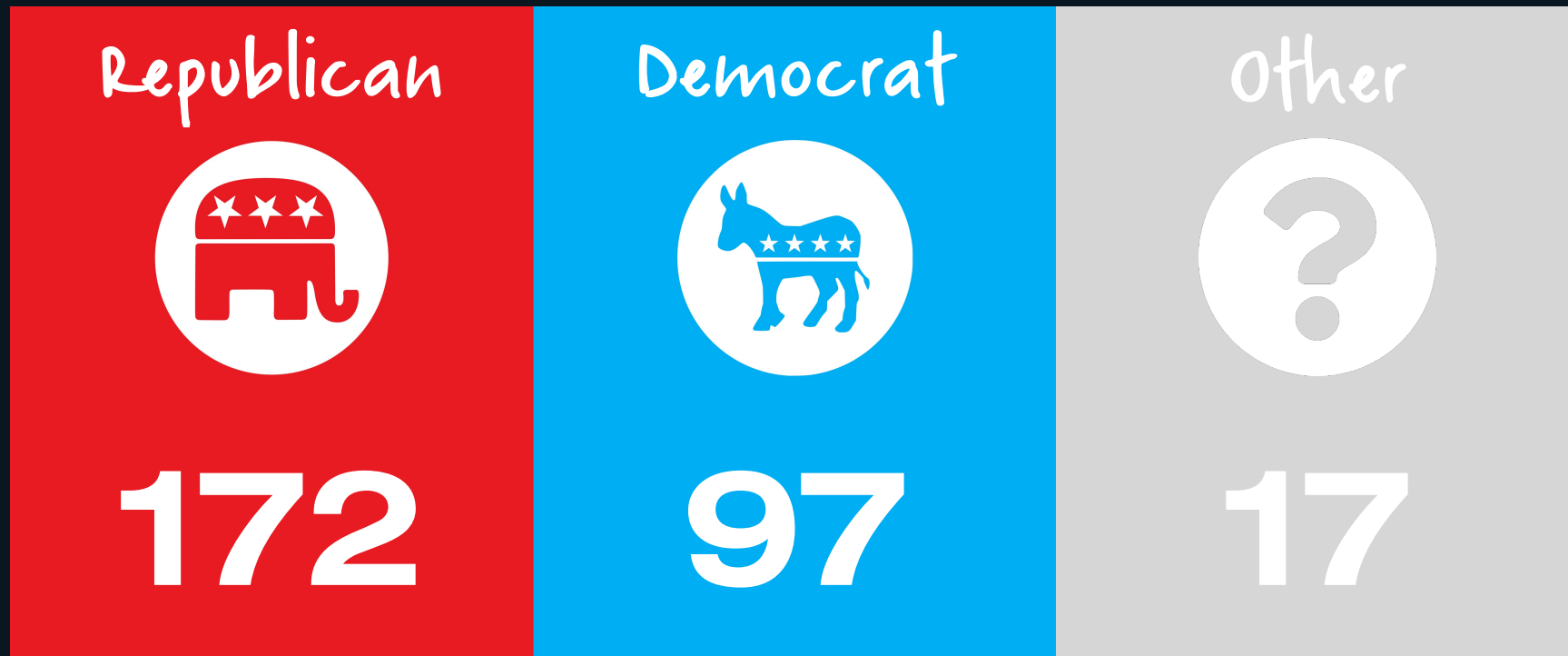
How well do you know your denomination?

What percentage of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) is...



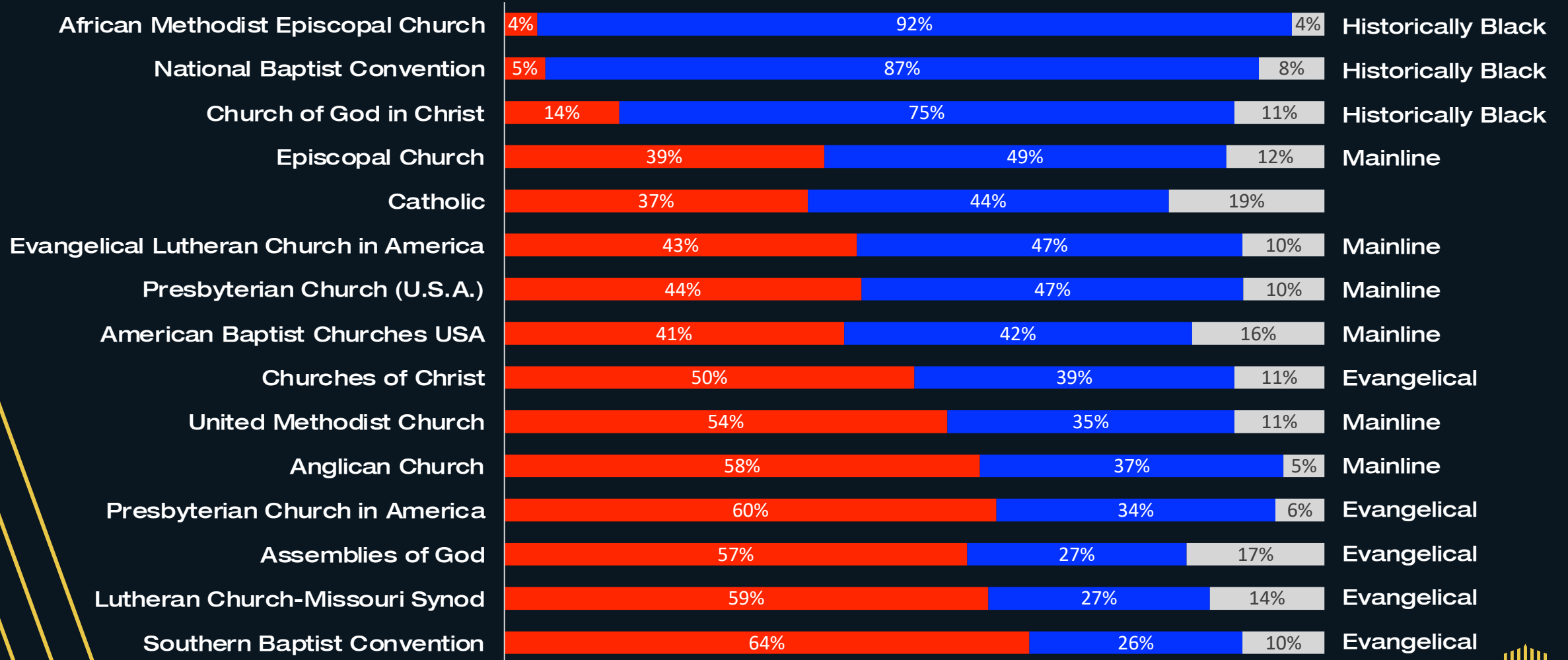
# The Numbers

What if we apply these percentages to Redeemer?



# How Do We Compare?

■ Republican/Lean Republican 
 ■ Democrat/Lean Democrat 
 ■ Independent/Lean Other



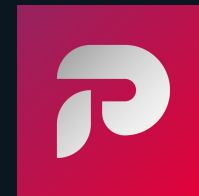
Source: Pew Research Center. 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014.



# What Our Culture Looks Like

Left

Right





# How Should We Look?

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## Westminster Confession of Faith 25-1&2

<sup>1</sup> The catholic or universal church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

<sup>2</sup> The visible church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.



# How Should We Look?

“ Our loyalty to Jesus and his Kingdom must always exceed our loyalty to an earthly agenda, whether political or otherwise. We should feel ‘at home’ with people who share our faith but not our politics even more than we do with people who share our politics but not our faith. If this is not our experience, then we very well may be rendering to Caesar what belongs to God. ”

- Scott Sauls

Jesus Outside the Lines: A Way Forward for Those Who Are Tired of Taking Sides



# Politics Has Become An Idol

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“ In a world of political and partisan idolatry, the church is to dethrone politics. This does not mean we should embrace political passivity or that we should no longer engage in the political process. It simply means that our fundamental allegiance must be to another King, whose principles and promises transcend the debate of the current moment so that we are able to invest in cultural work over the long haul and not fall prey to the tyranny of whatever seems urgent in one particular moment. ”



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“ Maintaining some distance, disciplining ourselves to not weigh in on every controversy, taking time to ponder and think about wider cultural movements—these are indispensable attributes in showing the world that, as the church, we have a transcendent reference point. ”





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“ Our allegiance must be higher than any party, ideology, or nationality. Yes, we engage in politics (out of love for neighbor, not fear of the opposition), but our faith cannot and must never become equated completely with any party or partisan ideology. Convictions before caucuses, principles before party, truth before tribe. ”

- Trevin Wax

The Gospel Coalition: Dethrone Politics



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Engaging...

1

Take the time to listen to, learn from, and love one another, particularly those who differ from you.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Engaging...

2

Keep Ephesians 4:1-6 close to your heart...

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...



God calls us to steward our vote for the sake of his commands, including his commands to do justice, subject ourselves to and support government, seek the welfare of our nation, and love our neighbors as ourselves.





# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...

2

The most important decision we can make is to yield our hearts to Jesus, placing all our trust, allegiance, and hope in him alone.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...

3

The driving force in how we vote is supreme love for God and selfless love for others, both in our nation and throughout the world.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...

4

We work to know the Christian position on issues that are clear according to God's Word in order to form a Christian position on less clear issues that require our wisdom.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...

5

Before voting, we weigh issues in terms of factors like biblical clarity and practical consequences.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## When It Comes to Voting...



No matter how we vote, we are eager to maintain the unity of the church around Jesus and his Word, not around our personal political convictions.



# Our Counter Culture Options

## → Pray

### 1 Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### Who To Pray For

- Mayors - George Fuller (McKinney), Jeff Cheney (Frisco), & John Muns (Plano)
- U.S. Senate Texas - Ted Cruz & John Cornyn
- U.S. House Texas District 3 - Van Taylor
- Texas State Senate District 8 - Angela Paxton
- Texas House of Representatives District 70 - Scott Sanford
- Governor of Texas - Greg Abbott
- Lieutenant Governor of Texas - Dan Patrick
- Attorney General of Texas - Ken Paxton
- President of the United States - Joe Biden
- Vice President of the United States - Kamala Harris



Next Week Is Our Last Week!



# For Next Week

1

We Will Have a Short Final Lesson

2

We Will Have a Time of Q & A with...

Tim Yates, Matt Linebarger, Mark Trigsted, & Jordan Stone

