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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Talking Points Week 2

ICE-BREAKER:

When you're with family or friends, do you discuss politics or avoid the topic altogether?

DISCUSS:

In your opinion, how involved should a Christian be in politics? Should the Church have anything to say about political issues?

READ: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Paul is talking here about his method of influence. How would you rate yourself in trying to empathize and understand someone else's mindset?

Many times, our cultural contexts determine our political perspectives. As Rufus Miles said, "Where you stand depends on where you sit." How does that thought resonate with you?

Do you really feel you would think different politically if you had a different set of past and current experiences?

In John 17, Jesus prayed for unity. How would you define "unity"? According to Jesus's prayer, why is unity so important?

APPLY:

We may disagree about what's best for our neighbors, but can we agree that what's best for our neighbors is really what's best?

When it comes to navigating politics in our relationships, which is your best path forward?

- Listen to people who don't experience the world the way you do.
- Learn from others by being a student instead of a critic.
- Love people enough to not burn a relational bridge over a political view.