

"... Politics: What's My Role as a Citizen?"

(Psalm 33:12; Romans 13; 1 Timothy 2:1-8)

I. Introduction: I've been thinking about ...

- A. The great **divide**
- Our World
 - Our Country
- B. The great **debate**
- Do religion and politics mix?
 - What does the First Amendment mean?
- C. The great **decision**
- What are my responsibilities?
 - How politically involved do I need to be?

II. Exposition: ... Politics: What's my role as a citizen?

- A. The **exhortation** to Christians (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
1. The **priority** of prayer (v. 1)
 - Acts 6:1-4
 - Philippians 4:6-7
 - Leonard Ravenhill
 - Peter Deyneka, Sr.
 2. The **purpose** of prayer (vv. 2-7)
 - External and internal tranquility
 - Evangelism
 3. The **practicality** of prayer (v. 8)
 - Where to pray – 1 Samuel 12:23
 - How to pray – Psalm 66:18
- B. The **establishment** clause (Romans 13)
1. The **command** (vv. 1-2)
 2. The **commission** (vv. 3-4, 6)
 3. The **conscience** (vv. 5-7)

C. The **exaltation** of a nation (Psalm 33:12)

1. The blessing from God
 - Proverbs 14:34
 - Deuteronomy 28
2. The blessing for the people
 - Jonah 3
 - Jeremiah 29:7

III. Conclusion: 1 Peter 2:13-17

- Pray
- Register to vote
- Get informed
- Get involved
- VOTE

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. What is your view with regard to religion and politics? Why do you hold that position?
3. Why is prayer such an important aspect of our responsibility as citizens? What happens when we do not take that seriously?
4. Romans 13 tells us that God established governments. In light of that fact, describe why submission is such a key aspect to being good citizens. What happens when we do not submit?
5. What would need to happen for America to turn back to God and be blessed as a nation? What role does the church play in that? What role do you, as an individual, play in that?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)