



GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024 | JESUS, THE ELECTION AND YOU (PART 3)

This week, spend the last 15-20 minutes of your group time praying using the prayer guide on page two.

To maintain a focused and respectful environment, we ask that groups refrain from discussing specific political parties or political endorsements. Our goal is to explore Scripture and its teachings, promoting unity and understanding among all participants.

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [Matthew 5:13-16](#)

- What does Jesus mean when he says we are “the salt of the earth?” In what ways can Christians embody this concept, especially in the context of the upcoming election?
- What is the danger of making the election and politics the ultimate thing or focus?
- Salt is no good if it's lost its flavor. In what areas of your life have you lost your salty flavor? Are there areas He's calling you to stand out in your faith?
- We are called to be lights in the world. What are some ways we might unintentionally hide our light? How can we overcome those obstacles?
- Jesus says, "let your good deeds shine out for all to see." Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that our good works should lead others to glorify God? How can our actions reflect God's character?
- How can we balance speaking the truth while also showing grace and being approachable in our interactions?
- We must entrust the results of the election to God alone. If your preferred candidate doesn't win, how can you still embody the principles of salt and light?
- Conversely, if your candidate does win, how can you continue to reflect that same salt and light?

RESPOND

- Micah 6:8 says, “...the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” Based on this verse and what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Jesus isn't our elected King, but the risen and resurrected King. Thank God for revealing more of who He is and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.



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PRAYER GUIDE

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden... In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14,16 NLT

We're here to make much of Jesus and His Kingdom. As believers, we're residents of God's Kingdom before we're residents of this world. Spend time praying with your group. Ask God to search your heart, reveal areas where you've aligned with culture over His Word, and lead you to live out what He says is true.

God, give me the courage to live boldly for the things you care about. Give me the strength to face the relational challenges that come with being a follower of you, and remind me that you are sovereign over all. Nothing is outside of your knowledge, power or control.

1. **LOVE MATTERS:** *God, help me love unconditionally and with compassion. And help me see how I love people in light of eternity.*
2. **TRUTH MATTERS:** *God, help me see the counterfeits around me. Help me see what you made to be a good thing and what Satan is making an ultimate thing.*
3. **GENDER AND SEXUALITY MATTER:** *God, what you say about me is the truest thing about me. Help me understand how this impacts my identity, and reveal to me the ways I need to surrender my life to you.*
4. **IMMIGRATION MATTERS:** *God, give me a heart that reflects Yours for the marginalized, and guide me to advocate for justice and mercy.*
5. **LIFE MATTERS:** *God, you are the author, Creator, and sustainer of life. Help me value life in every stage as you do*
6. **JESUS MATTERS:** *God, align my heart with Yours. Help me walk through life in a way that seeks to honor You above all else, and let my hope rest in Your sovereignty over all things.*

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.