

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Not from Here November 3, 2024

#### Summary

In this sermon, Pastor Kyle explains that while God's Kingdom isn't *of* this world, it is *for* this world, bringing change to our lives and communities. With the election approaching, he encourages Christians to be respectful, involved and wise witnesses in civic life. Pastor Kyle emphasizes respectful dialogue, nonpartisan church involvement and confidence in God's Kingdom, which grows through transformed hearts rather than earthly power. He also interviewed two global partners, Aaron and Julio, about their work sharing the gospel in challenging places.

#### Scripture

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1 (NIV)

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

#### Let's Start

In what ways do you think Christians can bring the values of God's Kingdom into our everyday interactions, especially during times like election season?

#### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since we were together?

#### Let's Talk

1. What does it mean for God's Kingdom to be "not from here" but still be "for here"?
2. How does Romans 13:1 influence your perspective on civic engagement?
3. Pastor Kyle shared three ways we should approach civic engagement:
  - Be involved.
  - Be a good witness.
  - Be confident in God's Kingdom.

How can we be engaged in these ways? Are you currently?

4. Why is it important for Christians to be wise witnesses in all aspects of society?
5. What did you hear from Aaron and Julio that encouraged you about how the gospel is bringing transformation?

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6. A practical way to increase our confidence in God's Kingdom is to go on a short-term mission trip. Have you ever been on a trip? If so, what did you experience? How did it increase your perspective of God's Kingdom?

## Let's Act

Pray for our leaders, our election and our country. Remember, on Election Day, Room 155 is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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