

Discussion Questions for Faithfully Following Jesus in a Deeply Divided Nation

1. Is there anything from the presentation that you want to respond to our push back against?
2. Have the cultural divides described in the presentation affected you or people you know? If so, how?
3. Respond to the claim that “we can know the Truth with confidence, but also need humility.”
4. Where do YOU turn for truth, information, news, etc. Why do you trust that source(s)? Do you ever seek out alternative sources or points of view? Do you ever investigate to see whether other outlets consider your source of information accurate?
5. How can we develop discernment to help avoid being taken in by misinformation and disinformation?
6. What does it mean to treat people with which we disagree respectfully? What does that look like?
7. How do we avoid demonizing our political opponents (even when we strongly disagree with them)?
8. How do you view the role of religion (and specifically Christianity) in shaping our nation?
 - a. Do we or should we have “separation of church and state”? What does that mean & not mean?
 - b. Is America a “Christian nation?” If so, what does that mean or what should it look like?
9. Do you agree or disagree with the metaphor of the Church being like the Jews living in exile?
 - a. If so, what are areas that we as believers may need to compromise with our culture?
 - b. Are there areas where we need to draw the line and refuse to compromise? Name some.
10. God is both Holy and Loving in perfect balance. What do we need to consider as we try to maintain that balance in our own lives? How does that impact the way we interact with others—especially non-believers?
11. What are key biblical principles/practices that we need to embrace in order to successfully love fellow believers when we disagree about political issues such as Trump v. Biden, masks & vaccines, stolen elections...?
12. What are key biblical principles/practices that we need to embrace in order to successfully love our non-Christian relatives, neighbors, friends, etc. when we disagree about those same political issues?
13. Respond to the quote; “In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity.” How does that relate to seeking UNITY v. UNIFORMITY?

