

# CHRISTIANITY AND POLITICS (part 1)

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## 1. Introductory thoughts

- Nothing divides like \_\_\_\_\_ because nothing divides like \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have an unprecedented opportunity to model for our communities what it looks like to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Am I willing to evaluate my politics through the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than create a \_\_\_\_\_ that supports my politics?

## 2. Jesus' New Commandment

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35*

## 3. Jesus' Prayer Request

*"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you." John 17:1*

*"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." John 17:11*

*"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:20-23*

## 4. Wrap up

- We must not let \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ divide us!
- As Christians, our \_\_\_\_\_ is not in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why would we allow a \_\_\_\_\_ to divide us from an actual living, breathing person that \_\_\_\_\_?

## Homework

1. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ someone with whom you \_\_\_\_\_.