

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JULY 27, 2014

What to Do in the Crucible: Embrace Your Identity

I Peter 2:13-17

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

Do you generally avoid political discussions?

II. Digging Deeper

1. Should Christians be loyal to non-Christian governments (v 13)? Are there any limits to a Christian's submission to government (Acts 5:27-29)?
2. How can Christian freedom be used as a cover up for evil (v16)?
3. "Politicians are not religious leaders." How do you think that reality should impact our approach to political leaders?

4. What do you think about the statement: "Christians should not strive for a pious society, but for a redemptive society"?

III. Making it Personal

5. How important are your political views to you? Do they affect your ability to relate to a Christian brother or sister who may hold differing views from yours?
6. How closely should Christians align themselves with political movements?
7. What is the nature of your political rhetoric? Do you think it honors God? Do you think it draws people to God?

IV. Prayer