

Sermon Overview

Title: Productive Participation

Passage: Mark 12:28-34 and Jeremiah 29:4-7

Introduction

Series Purpose: Jesus cares more about who we choose to _____ than who we decide to _____ for.

Question: How can we make a _____ in this _____ and _____ political season?

Main Point: If we want our political participation to make a _____, we must _____ in politics _____.

Becoming a Difference-Maker

We will make a difference with our _____ participation

We will make a difference with our _____ participation

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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1. Read Mark 12:28-34 and Jeremiah 29:4-7 as a group. What stands out to you? What questions does it raise? How does it challenge you?
2. What is a concrete way we can love people in our lives or on-line who we disagree with politically? How about political candidates?
3. We participate in the political process not to win, but to help... not to impose but to lovingly serve. What is your reaction to that idea?
4. What are some ways you could incorporate prayer into your political participation? How do you feel about the command to pray for our leaders regardless of who is in office?
5. How might one leverage prayer to overcome the anxiety that comes with watching the news
6. In what sense are we like the exiles in Babylon that Jeremiah wrote to? What do you think Jeremiah would say to us?