

Sermon Overview

Title: Peaceful Politics

Passage: Acts 17:16-34

Introduction

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

Question: How can we experience _____ when our _____ have become so _____?

Main Point: We will only experience peaceful politics when we _____ what our politics have become.

Pursuing Political Peace

Our unpeaceful politics are the result of our _____

The way to peaceful politics is to repent of our _____ and submit our _____.

Conclusion

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

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Main Point: We will only experience peaceful politics when we acknowledge what our politics have become.

1. Read Acts 17:16-34 as a group. What stands out to you? What questions does it raise? How does it challenge you?
2. How can we know when something has become an idol for us? What is the difference between caring about something deeply and making it an idol?
3. Of the four churches (Progress Church, Identity Church, Responsibility Church, and Security Church), which might you be most tempted to attend and why?
4. Imagine being among Jesus' disciples with all their political differences (a tax collector and a zealot). Why were they able to find peace when their larger culture could not?
5. What is the difference between having political bow and a political bent? Which one does Jesus confront and which does he want to fulfill? How can we submit our political bents to the lordship of Jesus?
6. Read Ephesians 2:14-17. How does this passage speak to the current state of our politics and the cure for unpeaceful politics?