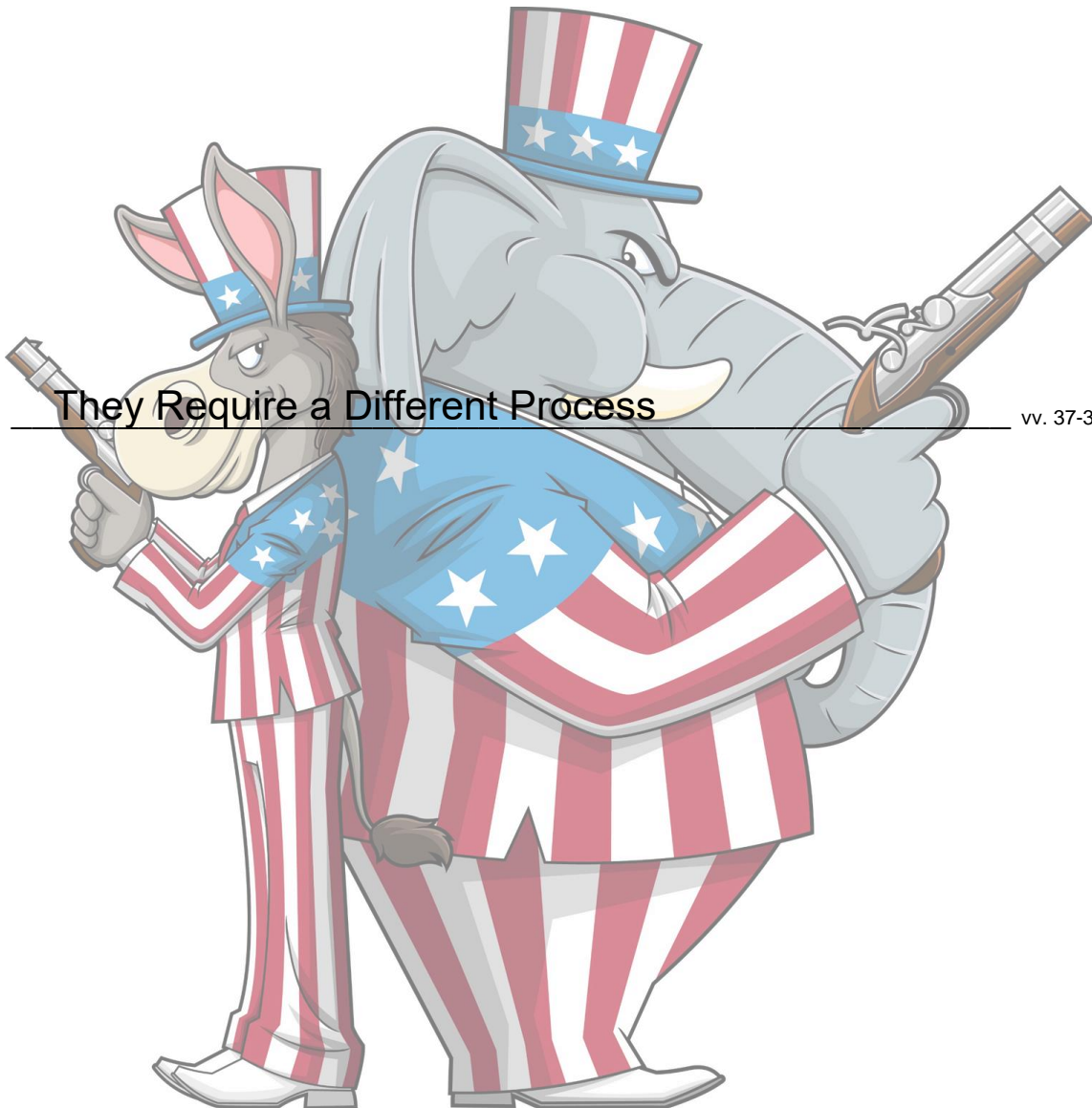


Democrat or Republican

“ Why Jesus & Politics Don't Mix - Part 1 ”

1. They Have Different Goals vv. 29-36

2. They Require a Different Process vv. 37-38a



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

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GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON SUMMER BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

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MONDAY // Read John 18:29-32, 12:27-33, Acts 7:54-60

- Why did the Jews bring Jesus to Pilate to execute Him? What does Acts 7:58 highlight about their true motive?
- In what way did Pilate try to deflect? Why? How was all of this essentially a political game of leverage?
- Given Jesus was ultimately in control, how does this encourage you about today's political landscape? Be specific.

TUESDAY // Read John 18:32-36, 6:1-15, 12:9-19, Matthew 22:21

- In what way did the crowds, Pilate, and Jewish leaders view Jesus through a political lens? Be specific.
- How did Jesus respond to this? Why? What would have happened if Jesus would have allowed the conflation?
- How can this happen to Christians in today's political world? How do you need to be more careful?

WEDNESDAY // Read John 18:32-36, Luke 23:2-3, John 3:16, 14:6, 1 Corinthians 15:19

- In what way did Jesus prevent a political discussion with Pilate? (i.e., spiritual king) Why?
- What does this highlight about the role of the church and Christians in American politics today?
- What can happen if this isn't properly understood? (i.e., The Gospel vs. voting) How does this adjust your priorities?

THURSDAY // Read John 18:37, 10:22-28, 15:15

- What was Jesus describing when He referred to His followers (Christians) as being "of the truth"?
- How does this also relate to sheep and their shepherd? (i.e., a personal relationship) Be specific.
- How was this a very different approach to following God at the time? How can this happen in politics today?

FRIDAY // Read John 18:37, 3:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 3:4-7

- When someone truly becomes a Christian, what will spiritually take place? (i.e., Titus 3:5)
- Why is this required to truly follow Jesus? (i.e., sinful nature) What will take place if this doesn't happen?
- In what way is this a different process than American politics? How does this adjust your Gospel priorities?

SATURDAY // Read John 18:29-38, Romans 13:1-7

- List three things that Romans 13:7 describes Christians should do when it comes to politics and politicians.
- How do you see this playing out in today's American politics? Why? What does this highlight about conflation?
- What challenges you most about Paul's perspective on politics? Be specific. Take time to pray about it now.

MEDITATION VERSE: *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*
John 18:36