



## Introduction

When it comes to potentially polarizing topics, our posture, tone, and approach will tell others all they need to know about what's most important to us.

## Discussion Questions

1. If someone reviewed your social media, texts, and conversations over the past couple of years, would they say your opinions were polarizing? Would they say you tried to understand the other side? Would they say you spoke kindly about people who didn't share your opinion? Explain.
2. Would you say that your politics are downstream from your theology? How has your theology changed some of your political positions?
3. Read this quote by pastor Tim Keller. What stands out to you? What do you agree with and why? Anything you'd push back on?

When the church as a whole is no longer seen as speaking to questions that transcend politics, and when it is no longer united by a common faith that transcends politics, then the world sees strong evidence that Nietzsche, Freud, and Marx were right—that religion is really just a cover for people wanting to get their way in the world. —*Tim Keller*

4. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-21**, where Paul shares an approach on how to help others find their way to Jesus. What are some ways we can do this in our current culture? How could you do this better? Who do you know that does this well?
5. Jesus focused on hearts, not systems. Who are the people with whom you perhaps disagree that you need to love better?

Finish by praying as a group for our nation as we enter this political season, for Christians across the country to remember with whom our hope rests, and specifically for our body of believers to shine like stars in Northeast Florida.