

Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for October 11, 2020:
Talking Points: Choosing Sides



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with your CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **CONNECT** *with each other*

- What do you look forward to most—and dread most—about presidential election years?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:11, 20-23

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- In verse 23, Jesus prays for unity. How would you define “unity”?
- According to Jesus’s prayer, why is unity so important?
- Many times our cultural contexts determine our political perspectives. As Rufus Miles said, “Where you stand depends on where you sit.” How does that thought resonate with you? Do you really feel you would think different politically if you had a different set of past and current experiences?
- Read Galatians 6:2, where Paul summarizes how we can practically fulfill the law of Christ. How can we all follow the law of Christ but still disagree politically?

- **SERVE** *others*

Listening to another person’s view is a Practical way forward and a step in love toward unity and political diversity. How can you listen to the views of the opposite political party, not to be changed, but simply to try and understand where they sit.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**