

# NOTES

OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2020

## ACROSS POLITICS

MATTHEW 22:15-22

### Introduction

1. No Party Gets it \_\_\_\_\_

#### Democratic biblical values

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#### Republican biblical values

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#### Applications

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2. No Political Leader is \_\_\_\_\_

3. No \_\_\_\_\_ Matters Most

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. Who was the first presidential candidate you ever voted for--and why?
2. Why do you think politics is such a divisive issue in our culture today? Why do you think people are more attached (as the Stanford study revealed) to their political party than their race, religion, or other categories?
3. Read Matthew 22:15-22. The Pharisees and Herodians agreed when it came to their animosity toward Jesus. What did they disagree about? Why is it impossible for a Christ follower to be in 100% agreement with either the Democrat or Republican party?
4. What are the two Democrat and two Republican biblical values that Pastor Jim addressed in this sermon? Which value do you tend to prioritize--and why? Which value do you need to pay more attention to?
5. How should these four values influence your vote? Do you think the pro-life value (specifically, opposition to abortion) should be a top priority? Why or why not?
6. What did the inscription on the denarius say about the Roman emperor? In what ways do people deify their presidential candidate? In what ways do they demonize the opposing candidate? How should knowing Jesus as King put elections into perspective?
7. In what ways have you put too much emphasis on politics during this election season? What could you do to correct this imbalance?