

Fishing Until November 8



How many of you ...?

Challenge for all Christ followers:

PUT YOUR FAITH AHEAD OF YOUR POLITICS!

... not selected verses of the Bible... but your faith!

- Republican: Right... Luke 5:31-32: "... didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance..."
- Democrats: Left... Matthew 15:37 "... and they picked up twelve full baskets of the leftover..."
- Libertarian: John 8:32 "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free"
- Socialist: Acts 2: ⁴And all those who had believed were together and considered their possessions belonged to the group as a whole. ⁴⁵And they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing the proceeds with all the others, as anyone had need.

FOR US TO GET THIS RIGHT... WE MUST APPROACH IT LIKE JESUS APPROACHED EVERYTHING!

How do we put our faith ahead of politics?

People > Politics

We can disagree on what's **best** for people, but we can't disagree that what's **best** for people is what's **best**!

³⁷And Jesus replied to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰The whole Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

What would it look like if we filtered our politics through our faith rather than filter our faith through our politics?

YOUR BEHAVIOR/POLITICAL VIEWS MAKE PERFECT SENSE TO YOU. THIS IS TRUE FOR EVERYONE!

- Be a student first... then, if you must, you can be a critic!
- Jesus followers should be the **most** confident, curious, composed, compassionate people in the room.

FOUR QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. What led you to hold that view?
2. Have you always held this view?
3. Have you met him? Her? (When it goes beyond the policies to personalities)
4. I get most of my information from the media. How about you?

IN CONCLUSION

- Opinion?
- Argue your point?
- Make a point at the expense of influence?
- Jeopardize a relationship?

Republican, Democrat, left or right, we are all precious in His sight....