

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Key Election Issues

November 6, 2016

Daniel - Selected

- 1.) Would you have preferred Will preach on unconditional election instead of presidential election?
- 2.) How would you describe how this election cycle has influenced your heart over the past few months? Do you feel it has been an appropriate level of impact on your overall outlook? Too much? Too little?
- 3.) Discuss the tension between not “placing our trust in princes” (Psalm 146) and yet praying for and seeking the prosperity of our land (Jeremiah 29). Which aspect do you tend to underemphasize?
- 4.) What most encourages you about God’s eternal and omnipotent reign over all? How do you see your struggle to believe that God works through the small and seemingly insignificant things in this world?
- 5.) Why do you think it is that the kingdom of God seems to advance most consistently under difficult and oppressive circumstances? Have you seen that in your life personally or in the broader Church corporately? What does that show us about what helps our hearts value the appropriate things?
- 6.) Will said, “Politicians promise hope and rarely deliver, but the kingdom of Jesus is a kingdom of hope that always and eternally delivers. ... The Church is a broken body with the promise of healing, a corrupt group with the promise of purification, a lowly bunch with the promise of glory!” What should our lives look like if the Church of Jesus Christ really is an institution of hope (and remember, that’s NOT a contradiction in terms!)?
- 7.) BONUS (Pretend, if you have to): Have different small group members take different positions on the presidential election and practice loving, respectful dialogue with someone who disagrees (or pretends to disagree). What is most difficult about this? Why is it so hard for us to be patient and loving with others when we are convinced we are right about something?



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