

Look Back:

How did you attempt to connect your faith with your politics this week?

Look Up:**Read [John 18:33-36](#)**

1. What does Jesus tell us about His Kingdom in these verses?
2. What do these verses say about how people often see “earthly” kings and kingdoms? How does Jesus say the mindset of His followers was different from other people?

Read [Luke 17:20-21](#)

3. What does Jesus tell us about the kingdom of God in these verses? How is this similar or different from what Jesus said to Pilate in John 18?
4. What does Jesus mean when He says, “The kingdom of God is in your midst”? How can understanding this principle apply in your daily life?

Read [Matthew 6:9-13](#) and [31-34](#)

5. What themes do these verses have in common? What do they say about people and God?
6. What specific things does Jesus tell his followers to do in these verses? Which of these specific actions is hardest for you to do?
7. What does it mean for you to seek first “his kingdom” and his righteousness? How might this impact your attitude and actions toward “your country”?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

How much of your hope, study, emotion or identity rests in political outcomes compared to Kingdom impact? How much time, energy, conversation, donation, and study is spent on each?

Notes

God has a personal invitation for each of us, and the implications are bigger than we think. Through the Holy Spirit, God wants to live within us and build His Kingdom on earth through us. He gives us a new, eternal mindset that transcends the problems, challenges, and worries of this world. While the government will tell us that they have the solutions to our problems, God tells us to simply seek His kingdom first. Where will you turn for comfort and direction?