

Jesus, Justice & the Third Way (6 of 6) Small Group Discussion Questions

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Sunday, November 10th, 2024



Series Focus: In *Jesus, Justice & the Third Way*, we are reflecting on the political nature of the gospel and how we are called to pledge allegiance to the Lamb—not the donkey or the elephant. We are examining Jesus’ posture and approach to political matters and seeing how he dealt with political parties, hot-button issues, and the “partisan mind” that fuels division. Join us for this timely sermon series as we consider what it looks like to follow the Lamb in an age of idolatry and division, so that we might be faithful to Christ until he returns and brings the fullness of his Kingdom on the earth.

Sermon Title: Questions & Objections: Being Faithful to the Lamb

Scripture Reading: John 7:14-18; 1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 3:8-18; Revelation 12:1-12

Sermon Focus: People have questions and objections to the Third Way. What are some of those? And what does it look like to embody the Third Way in the church, in our everyday lives, and in our relationships? In the final message of our series, Pastor David responds to questions and objections to the Third Way, he invites us to see that it’s about faithfulness to the Lamb—not being “effective” in the eyes of the world—and he helps us to imagine what is possible when we fully embrace the Third Way of Jesus.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Begin by reading Revelation 12:1-12, first individually and then as a group. This passage describes the nativity story in apocalyptic fashion—showing us what is behind the curtain and going on in the spiritual realms. This battle still rages today between Satan and the Body of Christ, but we will triumph through the Lamb. Pastor David said that this chapter in Revelation “is intended not only to be an encouraging promise of future victory, but a reminder of our radical call to discipleship.” How is this passage encouraging us to follow the Lamb?
2. Pastor David responded to three of the most common objections he has heard over the years to the Third Way. Were his responses helpful? Are there other objections you have heard or have had yourself. If so, discuss those together. Why is it so important to define the Third Way according to Jesus’ example?
3. Pastor David responded to several of the most common questions that he has received regarding the Third Way. Were his answers helpful? Which question did you resonate with the most? Are there other questions that you have or that you have heard? How should we respond to those questions?
4. What does it look like to embody the Third Way today? Take some time to have your group read the Scriptures aloud that go along with each response:
 1. **Walking with Jesus and Living by the Spirit in All Situations**
(John 14:15-21; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 John 2:6)
 2. **Fighting for Unity in the Church and Peace in the World**
(Matthew 5:9; John 17:20-23; Ephesians 2:14-16, 4:1-6; Romans 15:5-7)
 3. **Asking Kingdom-Questions, Listening, Learning & Loving**
(Proverbs 18:13; Matthew 22:15-22, 33-40; Mark 2:7-9; James 1:19)
5. What did you think of the video testimony about Nancy and Kathy that was shown in the sermon? How did God speak to you through their moving story?
6. How is God speaking to you about asking Kingdom-oriented questions, listening better, and showing compassion to those whom you disagree with (enemies)?
7. Overall, how has the Spirit been speaking to you about how you should respond post-election? How is God inviting you to respond in the church and through your interactions in the world? What should and shouldn’t you say/do? After your discussion, close in prayer for the church, the country, and the world.