

CALVARY WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

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As we discuss Faith and Politics for this series, please remember these important ground rules:

- ▶ Believe the best in one another.
- ▶ Participate by seeking to understand, rather than seeking to change.
- ▶ Look for common ground.

CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

GROW

- Where have you experienced "confirmation bias" – seeking to confirm what we already believe? Angie gave both simple examples of red trees or a blue car, as well as today's political landscape. If you were honest, how have you reinforced what you are looking for at times?
- Do you think divisions are reinforced over commonalities, more often than not? Why is that so easy to do?
- Read [Luke 7:36-49](#).
- How have you seen this story from Luke play out in your life? How would you define "truly seeing"? Why is it easier to see where we are divided rather than what we have in common?
- This week, look around and reflect with intention: *What am I seeing? Who am I seeing? Am I seeing the person or the party?*

PRAY

God, help us to truly see each other. Help us look for understanding and for the places that we have in common, the places in which we need you. Be with us as we navigate these next weeks of political divide and guide us to places where we can be peace-makers, seeing each other, accepting each other, and loving each other. God, make us one so that we can influence many. Amen.