

WEEK 1 | DEVOTIONAL WHAT ARE YOU POINTED TOWARD?

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Matthew 6:3, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21** and **Philippians 3:20.** Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence prayerfully ask the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

- 1. What is one idea from the message that stood out to you?
- 2. How does today's message shape how you might engage more constructively in this current election season?
- 3. What does it mean to "seek first" the Kingdom of God in your life? (Matthew 6:33)
- 4. What are the challenges in doing this for you?
- 5. How does prioritizing the Kingdom of God affect your relationship with political systems?
- 6. In what ways might allegiance to the Kingdom challenge political allegiance?

- 7. In what ways are followers of Jesus like foreign ambassadors? (2 Corinthians 5:20)
- 8. As Paul states in Philippians 3, "But our citizenship is in heaven...."
 What does it look like to be a citizen of heaven while living on earth?
- 9. For followers of Jesus how does this heavenly citizenship shape involvement in politics and social systems?
- 10. How might this perspective help maintain an allegiance to God's Kingdom above political agendas?
- 11. Are you at a place in your faith journey where you would consider yourself a citizen or an ambassador of Christ and His Kingdom? Why or why not?

RESPOND

On YouTube, find the Bible Project's video, on the Kingdom of God—"How Jesus Became the King of the World (That He Always Was)"

RESOURCE

The <u>BibleProject.com</u> has many great resources that help us understand the Kingdom of God from videos to podcasts to study guides. Choose one to engage with this next week.