



Session 3

Big Idea:

What place should politics hold in the Christians's hearts?

GROUP OPENER

Why do you think modern-day politicians of each side play strongly on our fears?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read [Acts 4:1-31](#) and Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

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WEEKEND

As a Group

What are some things that you have noticed the internet algorithms have been pushing to you view, consume, or purchase?

Do you have a funny story of something popping up in your suggested results recently?

The sermon reminds us that while technology is good for life it also has allowed us to put in the hands of politicians.

“An addictive and personalized experience that exploits your most private desires, plays on your darkest emotions, and promotes scandal and outrage with as little engagement friction as possible”

How does this new possibility of targeting individual proclivities create new problems for us today?

Important questions to ask about the stories we consume.

- Who is this promoting as the hero or villain?
- What positions is this saying are good and evil?
- Is this cultivating rage and hate in me?
- What is this saying is right and wrong with the USA?
- Is this anxiety or fear-inducing?
- Is this focusing my attention on things largely out of my control?
- Does this make me more like Jesus?

How have you seen your side use some of this rhetoric in recent weeks?

ACTION STEPS

I will statement...

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, “I Will _____”. Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share your “I Will” statement with the group.