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THIS SIDE UP WEEK 4 DEVOTIONAL

START

To begin, listen and worship along with this song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NuPP2Kxyo00>

THINK

When you hear the word “politics” what emotions, thoughts, or feelings come to mind?

READ

Intentionally read the passage of Scripture below using the following pattern:

- **Prepare.** Turn off and put away your phone and any other distractions. Situate yourself in quiet and solitude. Calm your body and mind and pray that God would meet with you through His word.
- **Read.** Read the passage slowly and carefully. Pay attention to and reflect on words or phrases that stick out to you. Take your time.
- **Reflect.** Read the passage a second time. Let it speak to you personally. Ask how the text changes the way you live today.
- **Respond.** Talk to God about what the text brings up in you. Let Him know if you’re moved, confused, upset, or thankful. Share whatever thoughts and feelings you have with God.
- **Rest.** Pause and sit in silence to conclude. Let God speak back to you.

MATTHEW 28:18

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’”

MARK 12:13-17



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"Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, 'teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we? But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. 'Why are you trying to trap me? He asked. Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.'" They brought the coin, and he asked them, "whose image is this? And whose inscription?" Caesar's, they replied. Then Jesus said to them, give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

REFLECT

- **How have you struggled to trust Jesus as King over your life?**
- **What idols have you placed your trust in? What do you believe Jesus wants to replace them with?**
- **What does your relationship with politics look like? How does Jesus want to challenge or grow the way you view politics in light of His Kingdom?**
- **How can you grow in listening to and loving your neighbor, even if you disagree with them?**

PRAY

Begin by reading and meditating on this following prayer:

"Listen O Israel! The LORD is our God, The LORD alone! Love The LORD with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself."

Next: Ask Jesus to open your heart and mind to whatever He wants to reveal to you in this moment. (1 minute)

Then: Ask Jesus if there are any mindsets that you have that have been holding you back from serving Him and sharing His Kingdom with others. If anything comes to mind, ask for forgiveness and for a renewed mind. (2 minutes)



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Finally: Thank Jesus for what He has shown you through this study. Ask Him to continue to renew your mind and heart to bring more of His Kingdom here to Earth. (2 minutes)

NEXT STEPS

This week, take some time to research different organizations in your local community that are impacting peoples lives. If you find something that interest you or challenges you consider reaching out to get involved. Learning more about the direct needs in your area helps you to serve and love your neighbors in new and impactful ways.

LEARN MORE

Want to learn more about politics and the Kingdom of God? Check out this resource.

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