

Jesus On American Politics: The Forbidden Subject
There's Only ONE Way to Win
John 13:34-35; 17:1, 11, 20-23; Matthew 16:18

The Bottom Line: We can disagree politically and love unconditionally.

Welcome Verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Introduction & Tension:

Nothing divides like politics because nothing divides like fear.

What exactly do we fear? Loss

Loss of control, loss of opportunity, loss of wealth, and loss of our culture, our freedom, our progress ...

Everyone is peddling fear! If we're not careful, we'll fall victim to it. If we're not careful, we'll become divided.

What if there was a way to disagree politically and still love unconditionally?

Do you want to do that? Can you do that?

Are you willing to evaluate your politics through the filter of the faith rather than create a version of faith that supports your politics?

Most Christians aren't. Apparently, Jesus saw this coming (not the election, but the division.)

Truth:

Read John 17. Notice what Jesus is praying.

John 13:34-35, "**As I have** loved you, **so you must** love one another. By this **all men** will know that you are my disciples, **if** you love one another."

After the resurrection, the church launched with ...

One Purpose: To make disciples of all nations.

One Message: Jesus is the Messiah who died for the sin of the world.

One Command: Love others the way Jesus loves you!

We must not let **anything** divide us.

We must not let **anyone** divide us.

Conclusion & Application:

Would you pray for what Jesus prayed for?

1. Pray for oneness / unity in the church.
2. Look for an opportunity to **love unconditionally** someone with whom you **disagree politically**.

Next Steps:

- ☐ Memorize John 17:21.
- ☐ Pray for Oneness-Unity.
- ☐ Look for an Opportunity to Love Unconditionally Someone with whom You Disagree Politically.