

NOV 4TH: HOPE BEYOND THE BALLOT
THE UNCHANGING REIGN OF GOD – ISAIAH 6

SCRIPTURE & SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – OCTOBER 11, 2020

OPEN

This week, we begin a series about how we posture ourselves personally and corporately *beyond* this upcoming election. Before reflecting Pastor Curtis' sermon from Isaiah 6, spend some time helping each other understand how you are entering into this whole conversation.

1. To what extent do you follow "politics" and have formed convictions?
2. What has shaped your investment and engagement in political matters?
3. What concerns or fears do you have heading into this election cycle?

DISCUSS

Now let's turn to this week's passage. **READ ISAIAH 6:1-7.**

4. What was the political and social context of Isaiah's vision of the LORD? What did Pastor Curtis highlight about King Uzziah's significance?
5. Pastor Curtis said that God's sovereignty is meant to produce peace but not to be used as an excuse for passivity. What does a grasp of God's sovereignty practically look like in your life?
6. Through his vision, Isaiah was confronted with the holiness of God and his own sinfulness. How should those two truths inform the way we engage in political dialogue?
7. What are you praying about for your heart and our church in the upcoming months?

PRAY

In light of the focus this week on God's reign over all things, use the Lord's Prayer to guide your time of prayer. Have someone read aloud a section at a time, leaving space to offer personal prayers.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

(Matthew 6:9-13)