

NOV 4TH: HOPE BEYOND THE BALLOT
HOPE IN THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM – HEBREWS 12:28

SCRIPTURE & SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – OCTOBER 25, 2020

OPEN

1. Given all the shakiness of this year, what good things have emerged for you?

This past weekend, Pastor Curtis concluded our series leading up to the election. He reminded us of the nature of Jesus's kingship and challenged us to consider how our place in the unshakable kingdom of God impacts our posture towards politics.

DISCUSS

2. What did you learn—or were reminded of—this weekend about the nature of God's kingdom?
3. There is always a temptation for us to make Jesus's kingship fit into our idea of the good life. How does reflecting on the nature of God's kingdom confront your perspective and posture towards politics?
4. Engaging in politics is one way we can love our neighbor, but it can also be a way we try to find a sense of identity and belonging. What do you think it looks like to enter in—even with strong convictions—while maintaining a critical distance? In other words, to use Pastor Curtis's phrase, what does it take to be "a kingdom-independent"?
5. As followers of Christ and members of God's kingdom, what might we all affirm about the values/instincts of conservatives/Republicans? How about the values/instincts of liberals/Democrats? In what ways does the kingdom of God stand in opposition to both of these ideologies/parties?
6. How do you sense the Lord calling you to respond on the day that the election results are announced?
7. What are you praying for our church in these upcoming weeks and months?

PRAY

Close by prayerfully reciting the Lord's Prayer. Take time to lift those personal prayers that were shared to the Lord together.