



Pastor's Talking Points:

1. What does the Bible Say?
 - As examples, Christians are called to be a voice of restoration, not condemnation (Romans 14:1).
 - We must love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:39).
 - Love involves a sense of outrage in the face of evil (Matthew 21:12)
 - Love requires that we take action (Luke 10:25-37).
 - We must take seriously man's physical, emotional, and social needs (Matthew 25:31-46).
 - Good works are a consequence of evangelism (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:12-14).
 - We have a duty to government, including participation (Mark 12:13-17).
 - Government is ordained of God to reward good and punish evil (Romans 13:1-4).
 - We are to show others, by example, that biblical morality is the foundation for the best public policy.

2. One Vote Counts:
 - ONE VOTE kept Aaron Burr from becoming President; that ONE VOTE elected Thomas Jefferson in 1800.
 - California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, and Washington became states by ONE VOTE.
 - Woodrow Wilson was elected President in 1916 by carrying one state by less than ONE VOTE per precinct.
 - In 1941, ONE VOTE saved Selective Service just weeks before Pearl Harbor.
 - In 1948, Lyndon B. Johnson (our 36th President), became senator by ONE VOTE.

3. Voter Registration and Turnout:
 - In 2000, 15 million of 60 million evangelicals voted.
 - In 2004, organizations like Americans of Faith helped to drive 13.9 million more Christians to the polls. An estimated 28.9 million Christians voted in 2004, which is an increase of 93%!
 - In 2006 voting efforts were on the decline: there was a 30% decrease in Christian voter turnout, falling from 28.9 million evangelicals down to 20.5 million.

4. The Christian and Government:

- As Christians, we have a responsibility to apply the Bible's truth to every aspect of our lives—whether the role is as a spouse, parent, worker, or citizen.
- *Carl Henry, the father of the modern evangelical movement, said this:* “The Christian is not, by his church identification, isolated from humanity, or from involvement in the political and economic orders. Not only is he called to identify himself with society: he is identified, by the very fact of his humanity, and as a Christian he bears a double responsibility in relation to the social needs and goals of mankind.” (*Salt and Light: Evangelical Political Thought in Modern America*).
- *J.C. Ryle, the great evangelical expositor of the 19th century, said this:* “Separation from the world does not mean that Christians should take no interest in anything except religion. Some may think it very spiritual to neglect science, art, literature, and politics, to read no books except spiritual ones, to read no newspapers and to know nothing about the government of their country. I think that is an idle and selfish neglect of duty. Paul valued good government (I Timothy 2:1-2); he quoted heathen writers in his sermons; he knew the law and customs of the world, as we see from his illustrations. Christians who pride themselves on ignorance bring religion into contempt.” (*Walking With God*).