



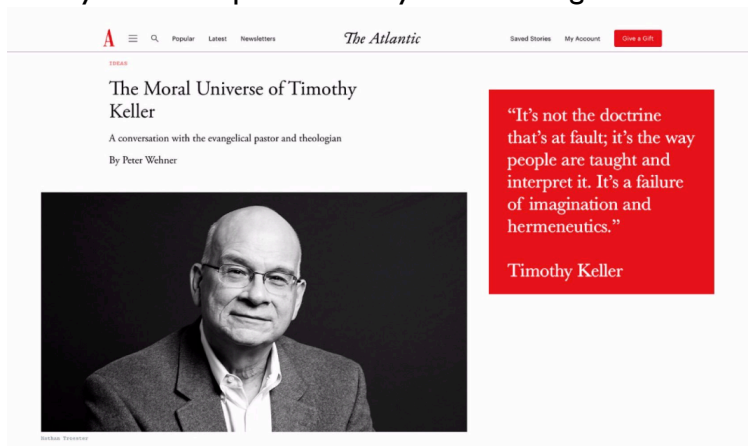
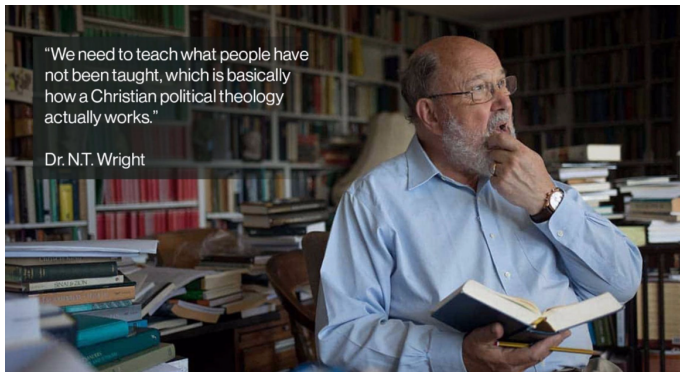
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pt I: Intro to Christian Political Theology

Icebreaker: Name some “non-political” characteristics or moments you remember fondly about a recent U.S. President. Ex: *Reagan’s charisma, Obama hosting the Hamilton cast, W. Bush at Ground Zero, Clinton playing the sax*

1. In a recent poll from the Pew Research Center, 65% of Americans say they always or often feel exhausted when thinking about politics. In the same study, only 16% said they trusted the government. What are your thoughts about these findings? How would you answer those polls today?

2. How are your political convictions formed? Can you identify a time or place where you were taught basic Christian political theology?



3. Read I Samuel 8 aloud as a group and then answer the following questions:

- *Why do you think the Israelites rejected God’s long-established governance?*
- *How do we sometimes desire the ways of the world over the ways of God?*
- *What might this chapter reveal to you about your own heart? And what does it reveal to you about God’s heart?*

4. In a climate where we are saturated with negative images and thoughts of others (especially presidential candidates and their parties) ... how might remembering these two sweet photos of our leading candidates affect your disposition?

How do you suppose God sees these two creations in His image? How do you suppose God would have you speak of each one? What are the Biblical passages from which you draw your conclusions?



5. Please some spend time in silence, reflection and then corporate prayer. *How is God speaking to you today?*