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pt2: Dual Citizenship

Icebreaker: Which two teams do you think will make it to the World Series this year? =>

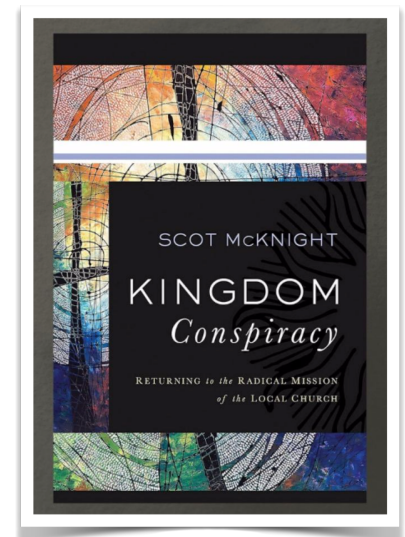
1. Read Matthew 22:15-21 aloud as a group and then discuss what elements struck you the most. Next consider the following: *Where do you see the concept of 'dual citizenship' in this passage? Discuss the tension between obeying earthly authorities and maintaining allegiance to God's kingdom. How can this duality influence how we interact with worldly systems?*

2. Reflect on Hebrews 11:13-16 and 1 Peter 2:11-12, which emphasize living as exiles in a foreign land. What practical steps can Christians take to embody this in their communities? How can believers effectively live as citizens of heaven while also being responsible citizens on earth?

3. How do you suppose Christians respond when their political expectations are not met or their preferred candidate does not win? How might an application of Psalm 146:3 guide your response to political outcomes?

4. Consider the following quote and share your thoughts:

“Too many Christians have ... bowed down to the politics of the world. Politics is a colossal distraction from kingdom mission. Politics entails the weakening of our kingdom message ... Politics entails energies and time that could be used more directly for kingdom mission tasks. Politics means seeking to influence the state in the direction of the kingdom, but in doing so it is asking the public and the state to put into law and policy the kingdom story. Politics sees victory when a candidate wins or when a law passes, or a policy is reformed. I speak directly now: *We kingdom people don't need the state, we don't need the majority, and we must refrain from equating victory in the world with kingdom mission.*” (Scot McKnight, *Kingdom Conspiracy*)



5. What role should prayer and Scripture play in shaping a believer's political perspective? How can we practically apply Matthew 6:33 in our political engagements?

6. Why do you suppose it is so meaningful to witness baptisms during a sermon series on politics? Where do you see Dual Citizenship in baptisms? Please spend a moment to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and pray for one another as well as for those you know who could benefit from this series.