Introduction: How can you say you love God and…

- Yet talk about political issues in church?
  - The Position =
  - The Presuppositions =

- Yet not take a stand on political issues in church?
  - The Position =
  - The Presuppositions =

The Church’s Role In Politics

Separatist
No involvement

Activist
High involvement
The Question: How to navigate through the maze of the church/politics conflict?

The Answer: Four biblical absolutes for building a theological framework to think clearly about the Church and politics

1. There Are Two Kingdoms In Conflict. John 18:36-37, 19:10-12

2. Every Believer Has Dual Citizenship. Mark 12:13-17


4. The Church Is Ordained By God To Make Disciples. Matthew 28:18-20
The Next Question: How do we move from a theological framework to specific applications for daily living?

The Answer: Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the church, the government, and the individual believer in the political arena.

1. Let the ____________________ be the ____________________!

2. Don’t expect the ____________________ to achieve what only the ____________________ can ____________________!

3. Don’t expect the Church to accomplish what only _________________ believers can ____________________!

Application:

• A Word to Separatists -

• A Word to Activists –
Discussion Questions:

1. Why is talking about politics and the church such a delicate issue?

2. What did you learn in this message that clarified God’s role for . . .
   - The church?
   - The government and its political process?
   - The individual believer?

3. What specific responsibility do you have as a “citizen of heaven” with regard to politics?

4. What specific responsibility do you have as a citizen of the United States of America?

5. How will you choose to fulfill the responsibilities you identified in questions #3 and #4 in the coming weeks?