

God and politics



LAUS DEO – PRAISE BE TO GOD

Micah 6:8 (RSV), Psalm 68:32 – 35 (ESV)

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MESSAGE NOTES

Dimensions of Finger Pointing:

- **Regrettable finger pointing is everywhere**

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ... – 1 Peter 2:1 – 2 (NLT)

- **Inspirational finger pointing in history**

O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel—He is the one who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God! – Psalm 68:32 – 35 (ESV)

- **Living as fingers pointing to Christ with our lives**

He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:8 (RSV)

- God wants us to do justice

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: Share one of your hopes and prayers for our nation.
- Read 1 Peter 2:1 – 2. Why is a negative and overly critical finger pointing “*regrettable*” in any relationship?
- Read Micah 6:8. What does it mean for you to “*do justice*” and “*love mercy*” in life right now?
- Where is God asking you to “*walk humbly*” with your God? And what does that mean for you?
- What does it look like for the average person to live with justice, mercy, and humility in a political process?
- Read Psalm 68:32 – 35. What are some of the messages of this Psalm?
- What are some ways we can point others to Christ during this season?
- Pray for our nation, our elections and for the Good News of Christ to be known in the lives of people you know.