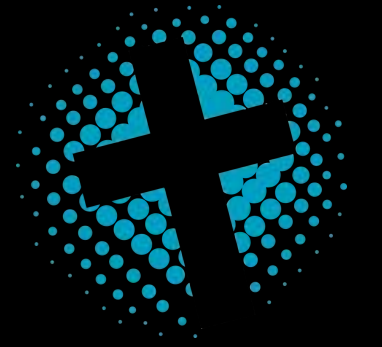


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*Lock the doors ~  
I'm talking about politics*



November 3rd, 2024

WITH PASTOR MARK STERLACE

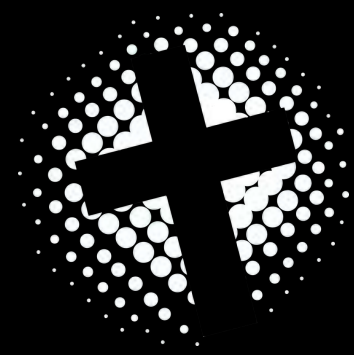
*I think we would all agree at the outset, wouldn't we, that if we are Christians, if we believe in Jesus Christ, we believe that He is the true Lord, He is the world's true King, and we believe that we are under the authority of His teaching and under the authority of His word, that there should be something distinctive about a Christian attitude to politics, so that when the world looks on and they hear what we say, they see what we do, they should think there's something different about Christians and the way they engage in the political process.*



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I think we would all agree with that.

*Vote "King Jesus"*



It would include things such as: \_\_\_\_\_

- *The basic rights of citizens*
- *The right interpretation of our constitution*
- *Issues related to foreign policy*
- *The military*
- *Immigration*
- *Gun control*
- *Climate change*
- *Racial justice*



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- *The economy*
  - *The supreme court*
  - *The relationship between local and state governments to the federal government*
  - *Abortion*
  - *The definition of marriage*
  - *LGBTQ+ rights*
  - *Freedom of speech*
  - *Censorship*
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## Matthew 5:13

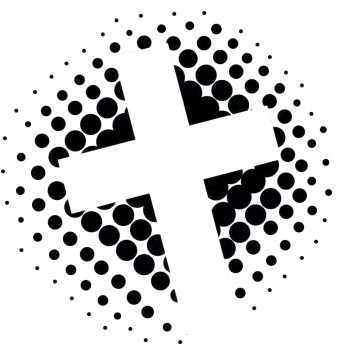
*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.”*



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*“Where there is strife, we are to be peacemakers; where there is sorrow, we are to be the ministers of Christ, binding up wounds, and where there is hatred, we are to exemplify the love of God in Christ, returning good for evil.”*  
**(Luke 6:35)**

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*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14-16, NASB).*

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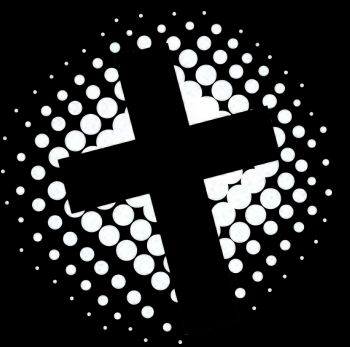
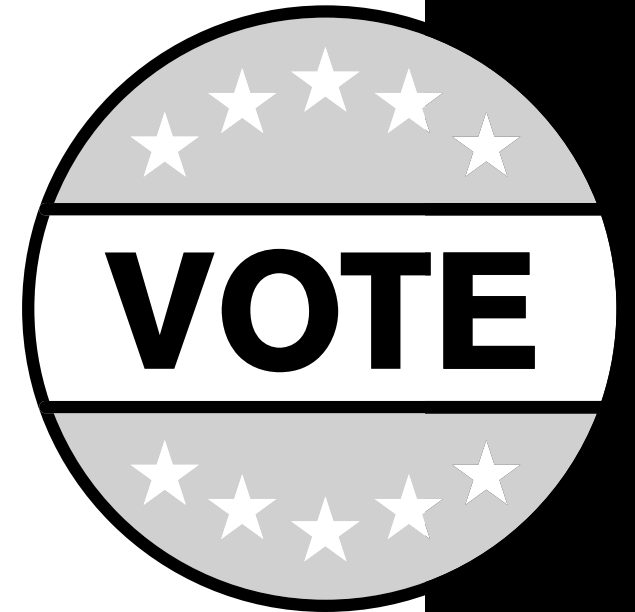




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One of the ways we do  
that is to exercise the  
right and privilege to vote.

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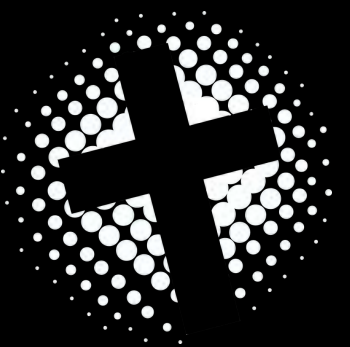
**Our elected leaders can make  
decisions that will have an  
incredible impact on  
these and other issues**

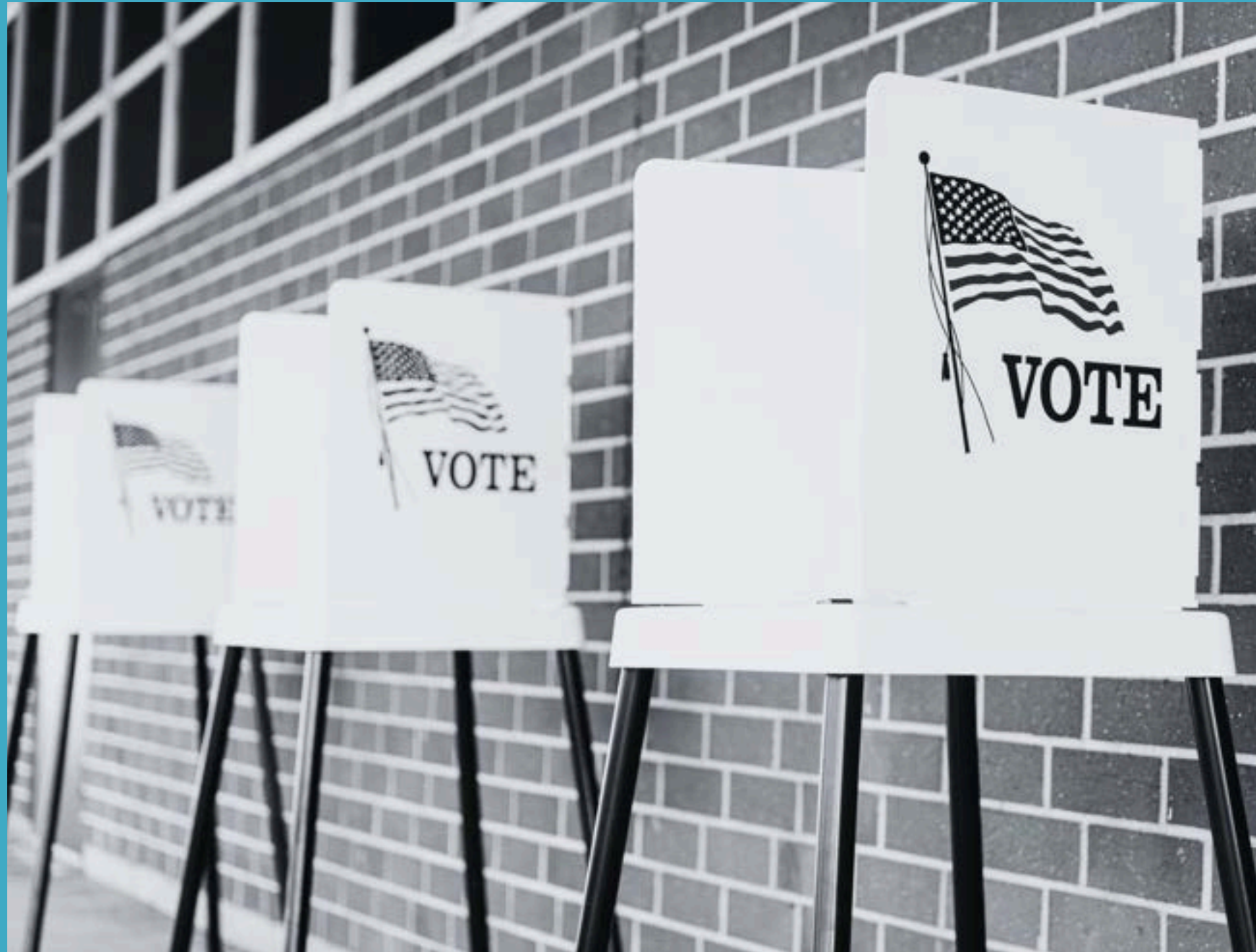


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**So what can we do?:**

- 1. Be in conversation with your neighbors and the people around you.**



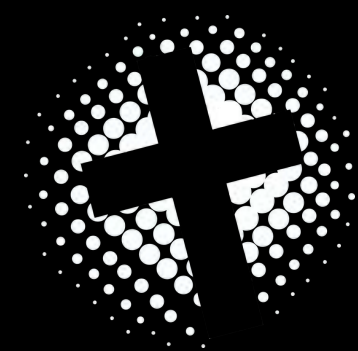


2. I encourage  
you to get  
involved locally.



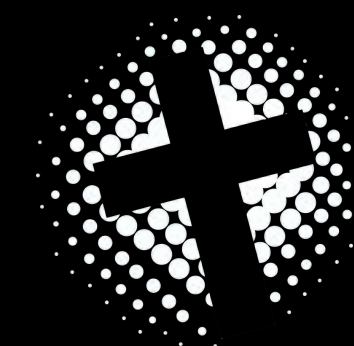
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*Just do something*



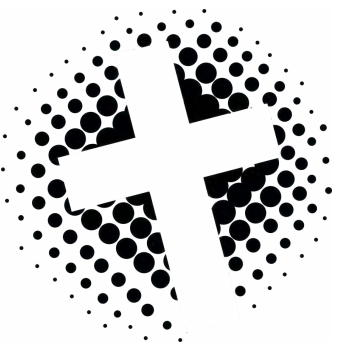
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**3. Vote, but don't  
only vote.  
Get involved  
in your community.**



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**4. Pray and work  
toward peacemaking  
and pray that our  
leaders lead with  
compassion.**



“Lord, I pray this morning that anything that I’ve said in this message that is true to the clear teaching and principles of Scripture, that it would stick in our hearts and minds so as to shape us in the way we both think and the way we talk, the way we exchange ideas with others, the way we engage in politics in our world today. Anything that I’ve said that was amiss, I pray that that would quickly be forgotten.” \_\_\_\_\_





“Most importantly, Lord, I pray that you would help us to keep Christ central in our thinking, in our lives, that our allegiance would be first and foremost to King Jesus and that we would see what he has done for us, placing our hope and our trust in him, and then setting Christ before us as our model, our pattern, our example for how we are to live in the world.”

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