

## Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

- 1. What words would you use to describe our current political environment? How have Christians—perhaps inadvertently—contributed to this environment?
- 2. What did Jesus mean when he said "My kingdom is not of this world?" What does Jesus mean when he refers to his kingdom? Where is his kingdom from if it is not of this world?



- 3. If Jesus and his followers had followed the political practices of his day, what would they have done when Jesus was arrested? If Jesus and his followers would have been successful at pursuing a political solution to his arrest, what would the outcome for the world have been?
- 4. Are you a person that can easily see the other side of an argument, or do you tend to be one-sided in your outlook? Be honest! How can a person try to better understand opposing viewpoints or political positions?
- 5. Do you agree that in life, as well as in politics, we need both Progressives and Conservatives? How do we get the best from both sides?
- 6. Can you envision a world in which politicians and political parties were engaged in mutually respectful and helpful dialog with each other? Did that world ever exist? How can Christians help create that world?
- 7. Are you surprised to know that McLane Church is likely an equal mix of Democrats and Republicans, Progressives and Conservatives? How is this mix reflective of the Kingdom of God?

## Wrap Up:

Share a time of prayer together.